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President Lincoln had a life-long interest in technology, believing in the power of human innovation to improve lives. In his Discoveries and Inventions lecture, he reflects on some of the essential human innovations that have shaped the course of history (speech, writing, the printing press, steam-power, etc.). Today, the emergence of artificial intelligence technology (AI) has the potential to make a similarly profound impact on society.



With this in mind, please answer the following prompt in 500 words or fewer:

Select a subject or field that interests you and explore the potential impacts of artificial intelligence (AI) within that area. Provide a specific example of how AI could positively influence this field, as well as one example of how it could be detrimental. Based on the examples you've provided, explain whether you believe the benefits outweigh the risks to your chosen area of interest.

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QUESTIONS?

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IMPORTANT DATES:

Essays Due: February 12, 2024

Awards Luncheon: May 19, 2024

Winners will receive certificates and cash prizes:

- First Place Winners: \$500 each
- Second Place Winners: \$400 each
- Third Place Winners: \$300 each
- Up to four Honorable Mentions: \$200 each

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