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Technical Description Reflection

The technical description was an assignment where we, as students, were tasked to analyze a technical product with mechanical parts and the item itself could not be too simple nor too complex. For my specific technical description, I chose to analyze my Logitech MX Anywhere 3 Bluetooth mouse and explain the ins and outs of it, however, more in depth, and break down everything related to the computer mouse. I spent a lot of my time devoting to finding many articles related to my chosen mouse. This included reviews of the MX, the iFixIt guide on how to open the mouse (not an actual teardown), and official information from the Logitech company themselves. Additionally, I tried my best to find a teardown about the Anywhere 3, but surprisingly, there were no teardown guides nor videos online. I also researched the history behind the invention of the mouse, however, I had to omit a ton of information as the computer mouse was a big invention that spanned more than two years, with redesigns and such.

I began with this assignment by first creating a list of ideas. My first three ideas were the first car, a smart video doorbell, or a router (non-gaming version). However, upon further inspection and research, I found that all three of my ideas would be too complex. Next, I thought about doing the technical description on my iPhone 12 or a power strip, however, the iPhone idea would, once again, be too complex. I did an outline with the iPhone, but there were too many components. Regarding the power strip, I initially bought one from a discount shop near my house, however, after opening the power strip, I realized that I could not take it apart any further without

damaging the product itself. I finally landed on the idea of using my mouse to serve as the product. I found guides online as I did not want to take apart an \$80 wireless mouse and must buy new mouse feet on top of it. By this time, I did not create an outline as my idea came in very last minute. In my technical description, I started off with something quite simple, by describing what a mouse is. Next, I discussed the history of the mouse, followed by, the history of the company itself. After, I talked about the MX Anywhere 3, its exterior and interior parts, how to use it, and its features. One idea I could have done was to discuss Logitech's main competitors: Microsoft, Apple, and Samsung. This way, I could have persuaded my audience on how and why Logitech is better and, how each competitor stacks up against Logitech with their products. I did not have a proper conversation with my mouse as this idea was proposed at the last minute.

With this technical description, I found it a bit easier than the rhetorical analysis, both in terms of the page requirement and at least including pictures to break down our chosen products. I edited and revised my description numerous times, got feedback from peers on what additional information to include (or omitting information), included proper APA citations. Although I feel as if I did not persuade my audience enough, I feel like I included enough details to describe my mouse properly.