The Digital Natives Debate

I. Digital Immigrants

Born prior 1980 with limited knowledge of technology.

A. Learning Styles

1. The learning styles for digital immigrants is centralised learning as well as textbook learning. This type of learning style is not beneficial in today's society as it is not engaging to students' and does not cater for the learning styles such as kinaesthetic learner.

B. Other views on digital immigrants

1. Most teachers today are born in during this time. They may find it hard to adapt to the new technology arising. This is needed as students' are continually complying to a new learning style arising.

II. Digital Natives

Digital Natives are born from 1980-1994. People born during this time have a high knowledge of computer use due to the immersion of technology from when they are born.

A. Arguments for change in education

1. It has been argued in the article that teaching is becoming outdated and irrelevant as technology is continually advancing and is becoming to disengage students learning needs as they are used to using technology continually. Students are becoming to be frustrated and feel they have no freedom to use computers as school, due to minimal usage at school. Although it is understood computers used at school are for school purposes.

B. Learning Styles

1. There is no evidence to support the previous point however through the article it is shown that the multi tasking can give the a 'cognitive meltdown' due to the continuos
swapping of work.

2. They are seen as multi taskers and are able to learn information at high speeds