

Computer Basics

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1. Take notes on this sheet during class discussion.

Invention and Progression of Computers

1951 –

1958 –

1969 –

1980 & 1981 –

1991 –

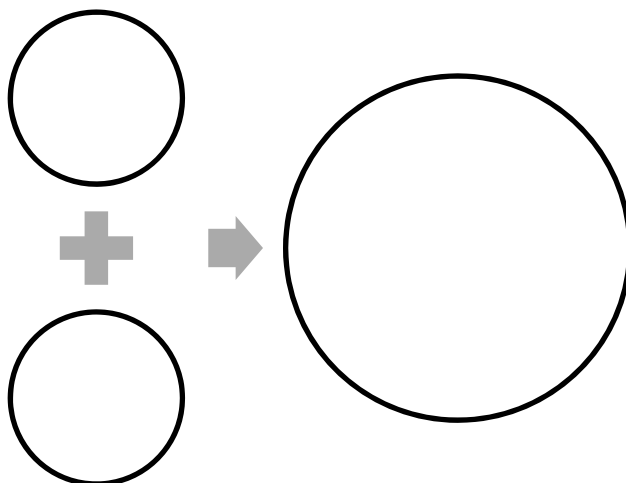
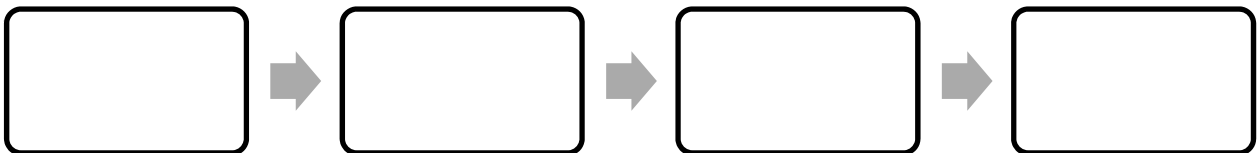
2001 –

Types of Computers

*Personal/Home Use

*Business, Government, & Academic Use

A **computer** is a machine that performs four basic functions:



2. Before you buy a computer there are many things you should consider: laptop or desktop; Mac or Windows; price; what you will do on the computer (music, photos, word processing, etc.). Assume that you can buy any computer you would like and answer the following questions:
- A. Would you buy a notebook (or a smaller portable computer) or a desktop computer? Why?

 - B. Would you buy a Mac or a Windows Computer? Why?

 - C. What do you think you would use this computer for (write down at least 3-4 things)?

 - D. Using the Internet, shop for a computer. When you find a computer you think you would like to buy, print the page from the Internet and attach it to this handout. Here are some websites where you could shop (or you can find your own):
 - www.bizrate.com
 - www.hp.com
 - www.dell.com
 - www.bestbuy.com
 - www.costco.com
 - www.apple.com