The Internet will allow more people to get a quality education

For my research essay, I would like to propose that I complete a project that explores the development of the internet and how it is providing more access to education. With the massive amount of growth the internet now has many uses such as exploring social networks, online gaming, and education, I think it would be great to take an in-depth look at how individuals that are seeking to increase their knowledge are doing it through online resources.

I would like to explore how online education has evolved over the years. Studying the history of how the online education has changed and connected with people of different classes. I would like to examine what was initially present to the mass and what have most people come to expect from the online curriculum. How assessable is online education are lower income families? Finally, I need to learn whether people are able to actually take advantage, are we seeking all that information available to us?

The majority of my research will be of course online articles. York College has provided many of their students with access to hundreds of online databases. To gain some insight into how I may want to pursue this topic I have found a few articles that talk about low-income online education. The Journal of Nutrition Education and Behavior published an article entitled “Development of an Online Smartphone-Based eLearning Nutrition Education Program for Low-Income Individuals”. The focus of the journal is to make a nutritional education within reach for low-income individuals. The goal of the company is to create an application that is easy to understand as well as access if you have a mobile device and wi-fi connection. The Computer and Education Journal also published an article that may help to guide me on how I can approach my research. The article is called Without a map: College access and the online practices of youth from low-income communities. The research team analyzes how wealthy and under-privileged individuals access and utilize the internet for their education.

I believe that my project will be a very interesting project. I can’t wait to truly reveal how the development of the internet is providing more access to education. I want to see if creating more online access is really creating more education for all or if it is actually creating a barrier for certain people to have easier access to their education.