

Early Task (E.T.)

Robot Factory Workers E.T.
(in your "Free Writes" section)

•Understand that a country's production possibilities depend on its available resources and technology.

1. Read p. 18 ("Resources and Technology") and the article "Robots Replacing Human Factory Workers at Faster Pace"

2. Answer the following questions (in your "Free Writes" section):

1. How much do they predict using robots will cut labor costs in the countries mentioned?
2. Is the cost of operating robots rising or lowering? How much?
3. What does Harold Sirkin say in the article about robotics and manufacturing technologies?
4. What will the effect of robotic labor be on the human labor force in the countries mentioned (cite specific data)?
5. What is the connection between the article and the "Resources and Technology" section in the textbook? (2-3 sentences)