

AP LANGUAGE PROMPT: THE POST-MODERN PUZZLE

Vaclav Havel, the playwright, political dissident, and former president of the Czech Republic, once stated:

We find ourselves in a paradoxical situation. We enjoy all the achievements of modern civilization that have made our physical existence on this earth easier in so many important ways. Yet we do not know exactly what to do with ourselves, where to turn. The world of our experiences seems chaotic, disconnected, confusing. There appear to be no integrating forces, no unified meaning, and no true inner understanding of phenomena in our experience of the world. Experts can explain anything in the objective world to us, yet we understand our own lives less and less. In short, we live in the postmodern world, where everything is possible, and almost nothing is certain.



In a well-developed essay, offer a response to Havel's assertion. Have the technological advancements like the Internet and peer-to-peer communication unmoored us and made our lives more chaotic and less explainable?