Questions for Classroom Discussion
Wearable Technology

- **What are examples of "wearable technology" that already exist?**

⇒ Consider "old-fashioned" technology such as hearing aids and heart monitors, as well as the rapidly growing supply of sensors that you can wear to monitor your health
⇒ Consider controversial technology such as Google Glass, which are glasses that will let you access the internet and take pictures and video without anyone being aware of it
⇒ Consider new "gadgets", such as watches that connect to the internet and play music, and even clothes that can change color

- **What new innovation will come along shortly and change the way people live, work, and interact?**

⇒ Consider innovations of the past that have changed the world (computers, medicine, smartphones, etc.)
⇒ Consider how new technology can be used to create more new technology
⇒ Consider the vision that most people have for the future, and whether it is realistic

- **What is the best way to introduce new (and possibly strange) technology to the general public so that it will be accepted?**

⇒ Consider the segment of the population that is most likely to accept and try new technology (usually younger people, and specifically those who are interested in gadgets)
⇒ Consider the importance of finding "trend setters" who are willing to be the first to wear the technology… sometimes famous people are paid to be a spokesperson for a product
⇒ Consider how some "wearable technology" may be essential (such as if it is needed by people with health conditions, or if it helps people do their jobs), and how these wearables might become mainstream faster than technology that is simply an accessory