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## Topic: Role of intellectuals in society

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- b) General statement
- c) Thesis statement: Intellectuals have changed many dimensions of politics, science and technology, literature, education and social order.

#### 2. Role of intellectuals in politics

- 2.1 John Locke
- 2.2 Dr. Allama Muhammad  
Iqbal

#### 3. Role of intellectuals in science and technology

- 3.1 Wright brothers eliminated the distances by inventing the flying machine, airplane.
- 3.2 Graham Bell

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## 4. Role of intellectuals in literature

4.1 William Shakespeare

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5.1 Frederick Douglass

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## Essay

From ancient Greek

philosophers to modern scientists, intellectuals always playing an important role in the social change. Intellectuals have been agents of change in every era of human history. They engaged in critical thinking, research and social change.

Intellectuals used different sources of knowledge, willingness and ability to awaken the society. Societies deprived from thinkers and philosophers, don't make progress and flourish. Sometimes they changed the world with the stroke of pen and many times by the revolutions. Philosophers and thinkers proved agent of change in the areas where unjust and aberrant behaviors are norms.



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Intellectuals created revolutions and reshaped the boundaries of politics. Furthermore, they also create revolution in the field of science and technology through new inventions and discoveries, which have changed the means of production, communication and transportation.

Literature is another tool of intellectuals, to change the mindset of the society. Through literature they educate people about the realities and fundamental truth of life.

They present new ideas to solve the problem of life. So, they advocates for social justice <sup>and equality</sup> by and criticizing the existing social orders. Therefore intellectuals have changed many dimensions of politics, science and



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technology, literature, education and social order.

First comes the politics, intellectual had played a crucial role in changing the dimensions of it. The challenged the existing idea of politics and gave new ideas. Firstly, John Locke represent the idea of natural human rights. He gave the theory of right to life, property and liberty for every citizen of the state. If state fails to ensuring these rights, then people have the right to overthrow the government.

His idea leads the foundation of modern democracy, by ending the absolute power of kings. His work influenced the American and French revolutions. Even, his ideas



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are still influencing the democracy and political thoughts of the modern era. On the other hand side, Dr Allama Muhammad Iqbal also played an important role in the creation of Pakistan. After leaving British India, the survival of Muslims in united India was very difficult. In this situation Allama Muhammad Iqbal suggested Muslims to create a new homeland for the security of life and freedom. His ideology influenced on Muhammad Ali Jinnah, who followed that ideology and created a new homeland for the Muslims of the continent. So, this ideology shaped the political movement and secured the future of Muslims in sub-



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continent by creating a new independent state. Therefore intellectuals had changed the history of politics.

Moreover, intellectuals also created revolutions in the field of science and technology. It was the first time when Knight brothers present the idea of flying like birds in the air.

Both start working on making a flying machine. After many struggles they succeed to making the airplane. Their idea and vision changed the history of mankind by reducing the distances. It was the idea of intellectual, ~~which~~ that convert the distances of weeks and months into the hours. So, in this way an intellectuals revolutionized the travelling of people.



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In the same way, an American Scientist Graham Bell invented a first Telephone for the communication. Firstly, he thought of idea to transfer and convert sound waves into voice. This unique idea created the first Telephone of the world. It changed the ways of communication and paved the ways for the digitalization of the world. Invention of Telephone eliminates the distances of communication. Any Everyone can communicate from one place to any other corner of the world. Digitalization in communication has converted this large world into a global village. So, intellectuals created great change in ways of communication, transportation and travelling for the betterment of



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Therefore ~~many~~ intellectuals advanced the science and technology for betterment of humans.

Moseover intellectuals plays a vital role to changing human ideas by writing literature. Firstly William Shakespeare challenged the social norms of the society. In his famous writing "Romeo and Juliet" he challenged and criticized the idea of family feuds and prejudice by showing the tragic consequences of hate. In this way the intellectuals encouraged society to challenge the unjust and negative social norms. By these techniques thinkers empower the society to think different about the things related to



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Power, love and justice. These prose literary work of an intellectual's encouraged people to think critically about the world around them and consider how things might be different and better. Faiz Ahmad Faiz is also a prominent figure, who wrote the literature to challenge the oppression. He used his poetry as a tool to criticize and challenge the policies of the dictator. In this situation he wrote his famous poem "Hum Dekhenge", which became the Anthem for resistance against oppressive forces. His literary work has lasting impacts on Urdu literature, culture and political spheres. In this way intellectuals change the mindsets of people and encourage



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them to challenge the social and political oppressive forces. Therefore, intellectuals exposed and challenge the existing social and political norms with the stroke of the pen.