Triumph of the Nerds Video (Early PC History) Worksheet
AENG 467, Mobile Robotics

1. Who were the two co-founders of Microsoft?

2. Who were the two co-founders of Apple?

3. What was the first computer language invented by Grace Hopper?

4. What company first invented the microprocessor?

5. What was the name of the first personal computer (pc) marketed?

6. What was the name of the company that marketed that first pc?

7. What software language did Microsoft invent for the first marketed pc?

8. What was the name of the software that became the early personal computer's killer application?

9. In 1980, what company decided to try and get a piece of the pc market?

10. From which company did Big Blue ultimately get their operating system?

11. What did Big Blue initially call/name their operating system for the PC?

12. What spreadsheet became the killer application for the IBM's PC?

13. What company first cloned IBM's PCs

14. With what operating system did IBM want to replace MSDOS with?

15. With what product did Microsoft launch to defend their interests in the operating systems market?

16. What 20 year-old technology idea did Microsoft steal in the creating of their new operating system?

17. What company originally developed the Graphical User Interface (GUI) technology that all of today's modern operating systems are based on?

18. What Pepsi executive did Steve Jobs pursue to run Apple while he took charge of the Macintosh project?

19. Why is Steve Jobs so bitter toward the individual in Question 18?

20. What book is the movie you just viewed based on?