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Homework EC: Why Software Is Eating the World (7 points)

Due to Gradescope by 11:45 PM on Thursday, October 14th

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Homework Goal: Practice written communication and critical thinking concerning the impacts of the growth of software

Read the following article by Marc Andreessen: <https://a16z.com/2011/08/20/why-software-is-eating-the-world/>

After you've read the article, respond to the following questions with complete and grammatically correct sentences. **Full credit possible only if responses are thoughtful and with supporting evidence.**

1. In the article, Andreessen makes three predictions about the future: (3 points)
Over the next 10 years,
 - a) *I expect many more industries to be disrupted by software, with new world-beating Silicon Valley companies doing the disruption in more cases than not.*
 - b) *I expect at least five billion people worldwide to own smartphones, giving every individual with such a phone instant access to the full power of the Internet, every moment of every day.*
 - c) *The battles between incumbents and software-powered insurgents will be epic.*

2021 is the 10-year anniversary of this article. For each prediction, reflect on whether it has come true. Give evidence or examples to support your answer.

2. Do you believe there are *other* companies or industries Andreessen didn't mention that were impacted/overtaken by the software revolution? Which, and how were they impacted? (2 points)
3. Summarize Andreessen's concerns about the growth of software. Ultimately, what did he suggest people and companies should do moving forward? (2 points)