Project Proposal

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Title: Exploring historically how intelligence has been defined, and why people have attempted to define it.

Over the last couple years I have taken my classes that have revolved around intelligence, and aspects around it. I have taken classes on quantifying intelligence, uses of intelligence to make intelligent machines, and a couple other. I have never done an in-depth study of how people have defined intelligence, and why they have attempted to define intelligence. I would like to study it from different perspectives: Biologists, Physicists, Psychologists, Social workers, Historians, Computer Scientists, and any other sources I can get my hands on.

The common thread among them is that they all try and define intelligence, but they all define it for different reasons and with different aims. They also have their own unique perspectives on how they should go about measuring intelligence. I would love to explore these different perspectives, and find similarities and differences between their aims, definitions, and how they will go about measuring intelligence.