

CommDis 100, Fall 2022

Writing Assignment 3: *Aphasia*

Jill Bolte Taylor studied her own stroke as it happened -- and has become a powerful voice for brain recovery.

Watch the following TedTalk “**My Stroke of Insight**” with Jill Bolte Taylor:

https://www.ted.com/talks/jill_bolte_taylor_s_powerful_stroke_of_insight

Respond in essay form and make sure to address all four questions:

1. What is your initial reaction to this video?
2. What happened to Jill Bolte Taylor?
3. Describe some of the differences Jill Bolte Taylor discusses in the perceptions she had when her left hemisphere was “dominant” and when her right hemisphere was “dominant”.
4. When do you feel connected to the left hemisphere of your brain? When do you feel connected to the right hemisphere?

OR

When and how does Jill Bolte Taylor reach out for help? Why do you suppose people often do not report minor strokes?

The assignment should be 2 pages long and 12-point double-spaced Times New Roman font with 1-inch margins on each side. It must be submitted on Moodle as a Word document or PDF by **9:00 PM on Friday, 10/21** (with a grace period of Sunday, 10/23 at 9:00pm).