After considering Carr’s queries, we have come to the realization that the subject of “Google ‘making’ us stupider” can be looked at in two very different ways.

Carr submits that the internet, and Google particularly, is the power house of what is making our world ‘stupider.’ He purports that the internet compromises a unique and new way of mental processing to which our brains have become accustomed. This new style of learning and obtaining knowledge that depends on speed-reading, popping from page to page and choosing a significant word or phrase appears as an exercise in futility. In utilizing the internet as our primary resource of data and facts, we lose the simple process of pick up a book, read it, and explore it. We can subscribe to Carr writing that after having rewired our brain to this new mode of learning, it is difficult to read a book or remain on task long enough to read through a more in-depth or even longer article. Having the plurality of the internet at our fingertips facilitates laziness and allows us to ignore the many different sources of knowledge that exist and permits us resort to, let’s say, the easy way out. After pondering his argument we can agree that yes, the internet does have a way of making us ‘stupider’ by reducing the number of previous modes and methods of learning.

Although we do agree with much of what Carr writes, we cannot subscribe to his theory. The internet does take away from our capacity to read and analyze text; however, it offers such a wealth of information that we cannot make invaluable. The internet is not making us more stupid as much as it is re-teaching our brains to learn and record information in a much different manner than we previously learned. This allows us to consider many reputable sources on a topic and develop more insightful thoughts in the same time constraints it may have taken us to read only a few chapters of a text or selection. With the internet and Google at our fingertips, we have gained the ability to research almost any subject imaginable at any place and any time. Although the internet trains our brain to scan and jump around from page to page we yet are becoming more knowledgeable on the key sections of each article. It may appear to make us stupider by taking away from what was before the desired way to learn; but, the internet is actually opening up a whole new world of knowledge and information.

We give credit to Carr’s arguments and we believe there is truth in what he has to say. However, it is hard to reduce the internet to being invalid and a cause of our stupidity when in fact it is doing much more. It is allows us to discover new worlds of information in a new and different way.