Adapting Simultaneously with Google

Nicholas Carr believes the use of technology will force us develop a shorter attention span and change the way that we think. This may be true for some people, who may not have grown up with technology, but for others, that did grow up with technology, it may not be the case. Technology is used in education because of the availability it gives students to information and the luxury of cheap electronic books, the ease of work and the fact some people cannot sit for long periods, while maintaining their attention.

Schools of America today are expected to give the best quality education at the least expense possible. This feat may not be able to be accomplished if all students do not have access to the internet or the vast knowledge that it permits any particular person to have. College is already expensive enough with rooming, boarding, supplies and required books, in which case, it should not be expected of students, who may not have much money, to acquire all the books that may or may not be detrimental for their classes. Paperback books are much more expensive compared to electronic due to the fact that it costs more to attain the materials needed to print the book. This is where the discount of electronic books over their paperback counterparts becomes essential for college.

It is no lie that college will contain copious amounts of research, studying and homework, meaning that college students need as much of an edge to help them tackle this tremendous workload. This is once again where the internet comes into play with alieving the stress of assignments. Instead of spending ludicrous amounts of time searching a library for a book, that you may or may not need, you can use the convenience Google provides. Search engines, such as Google, provide refined and extensive search options which condenses the amount of needed research time for college assignments. Google can also help you maximize your work with all of the extensions offered, such as Gmail and Google Docs. These help with the seamless transition between computers and efficiently moving documents from person to person.

At some point in evolution, past technology becomes obsolete with the change in society and the way people think. For instance, we have the social media app called Vine which only consists of seven second videos. Vine only requires us to pay attention for seven second intervals, thus indirectly training our brains to focus for short bursts of time. With children learning this from a young age, it becomes necessary to facilitate the learning process that they have adopted. Google is preforming this well by cutting down the time needed to search for information and in most cases filtering out the needless information.

So in a final response to Carr’s statement that Google is making us stupider, is that it will become an out of date idea. Adapting with the times is part of human evolution and one major adaptation is the way we learn. If that means that we must absorb knowledge through short bursts of information, then so be it. Altering how we are learning does not mean shutting down the entity that is changing us, it means changing to flow with the times.