Essay

The internet is considered by most to be a great thing nowadays, and helps many people around the world search quickly and efficiently throughout an endless supply of information. Although while that might be a great thing the passage “Is Google Making us Stupid?” by Nicholas Carr, works from the perspective that people are too used to quickly getting information online but not actually paying attention to what it says or really reading it instead of skimming through it. Making the title “Is Google Making us Stupid?” make more sense.

This passage arguments the fact that having google around is making the way we learn or lack thereof different. While before we went to a library and read all the way through a biography or fact book, to get everything from it we can. Of course nowadays the norm is searching it up and skimming through a page to find what you want instead of learning how he did it or why just that he did. In a lot of ways the argument he makes, makes sense. The fact that we do this is irrefutable, and I definitely agree with what Nicholas talks about in his writing, but in it he only talks about the cons when there are pros as well. Especially considering the increasing technological industry, there needs to be a change in the way we receive information considering how much more efficient and fast the internet can send information from one place to another.

Such as most arguments there are always two sides to the problem, whether people believe it or they believe the opposite and force that upon people. For this one I go both ways. There are many pros and cons to this accusation that google is making us stupid when really its the fact that this generation is immersed in technology and the rest of the information needs to move along and change with it. Whether you consider this a good change or not, you have to acknowledge that people may or may not work well with this. Whether they don’t care about the rest of the information or you read multiple articles about the Enigma machine and whatnot. Not everyone is the same. Some people do exactly that and barely look at an article which they then carry over to trying to learn other things such as books, they might be prone to do the exact same thing when other people read the whole thing.

Overall the entire argument can be brought down to two sides, that being the one that is kids nowadays barely look at an internet article, whereas the other side keeps a normal state of mind when going into it, reading everything but doing it on the ever changing environment known as the internet. While I am not one sided, I keep an open view about this and agree with him while looking at the pros of the argument as well.