

ENGLISH ASSIGNMENT

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QUESTION 1

Carr uses a metaphor to compare how he used to read compared to how he now reads. Find the metaphor and explain it.

Answer

“Once I was a scuba diver in the sea of words. Now I zip along the surface like a guy on a Jet Ski”

By this he means that once he used to dive in the meaning of words when he read something from the book. But now he just feels content to know the surface meanings of words he is reading.

QUESTION 2

In paragraph 5, Carr says that when he mentions “my troubles with reading to friends and acquaintances—literary types, most of them— many say they’re having similar experiences.” Why does he emphasize that he is talking to literary types?

Answer

People in the literary field are used to read the books and other informative materials in depth. They are keen to find the hidden meaning of every word. That’s why he emphasizes that not only he but also his other friends are also having this problem.

QUESTION 3

Throughout the essay, Carr quotes several people like Bruce Friedman, Maryanne Wolf, and Clay Shirky. Why does he include these quotations?

Answer

In order to validate and support his argument, he included these quotations

QUESTION 4

Explain how the author uses paragraphs 1 and 19 to frame his essay. How do these two paragraphs work together to enhance the essay?

Answer

Throughout the essay, the author forces on the fact that internet is reducing our power to focus on things and in first and last paragraph he gave an example that now computer is directing our understanding of things we're not doing it by ourselves.

QUESTION 5

Think of all the reading you do, as described in paragraph 9. How much do you think you actually read each day? Does what you've discovered change your belief about yourself as a reader?

Answer

I usually read 5-6 pages a day. On internet there is a lot of material we go on searching links to links and just take the information without thinking about it. Which may pose a question about the creditability of the information we are getting.

QUESTION 6

Carr references Scott Karp, who asserts that the way people think has changed. Do you agree or disagree with this assessment? If the way people think has changed, do you believe this should affect the way teachers teach? Support your answer.

Answer

Yes, if the way people think has changed then it's also necessary for teachers to change their teaching methods. As more of the information we get is

from internet, so our attention span has become shorter so teachers need to adjust their lesson plans for more focused readings.

QUESTION 7

Carr writes, in paragraph 9, “When we read online, she says, we tend to become ‘mere decoders of information.’ Our ability to interpret text, to make the rich mental connections that form when we read deeply and without distraction, remains largely disengaged.” Why do you think he believes this could be a problem? Do you agree with him? Explain your answer.

Answer

When we read online we get lot of information from different websites. We only get the information we need without analyzing it and without going deep in it. In this way, we can't do the critical analysis of our information.

QUESTION 8

What point is Carr making in paragraph 12? Do you agree? Can you think of additional examples? Explain your answer.

Answer

It's partially true that internet's business model leads to distraction and refrain from deep thinking. But it's also true that internet helps in doing efficient researches about any topic. Another example about that are the news articles with sensational headlines which provide no deep information but only wastage of time to increase their view time.