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Google and the Effects

A recent study suggests 90 percent of us are suffering from digital amnesia.

Google is making us stupid according to, “The Shallows: What the Internet Is Doing to Our Brains,” by Nicholas Carr, and the article, “Google Effect: is technology making us stupid?” by Roberts. Also in the infographic, “A study of Students Online research Behavior,” by Moran and Firth explain how google can impact the users negatively. Google makes us good at remembering where to find a given bit of information but necessarily what the information was. Google is affecting our intelligence by having trouble remembering, having to think on our own, and having incorrect information. Google is negatively affecting the way we act, our intelligence.

To begin with, Google is making us have trouble remembering events or the places we place our information. We don't recall memories like we used to. According to Moran and Firth, “With search engines available all the time, we often don't encode the information internally.” This shows that we are not remembering because we can't on Google. Our brains are having trouble remembering and we don't have as much knowledge as when there wasn't internet. Our brains rely on the internet for memory. According to Roberts, “We remember less through knowing information itself than by

knowing where the information can be found.” Remembering is becoming harder to accomplish. This means that with Google we don’t memorize the information, but rather remember where we can find it. Google is affecting us negatively by having us have trouble remembering information.

Furthermore, Google is having us think less. Google does everything to finding the information you’re looking for. According to Nicholas Carr, “The Net bombards us with messages and other bits of data, and every one of those interruptions breaks our train of thought.” This demonstrates that we’ll never actually think deeply while being on Google. Brain scientists have discovered that deep thinking can only happen when our minds are calm and attentive. According to Nicholas Carr, “In a blink of an eye, the search engine delivers useful information.” This illustrates that if it doesn’t make you think deeply instead you just click and there’s your response. Only when you concentrate your thoughts will be great, but if you're distracted you’ll understand less, remember less, and learn less. Google is affecting us by having us to think deeply into our research. Also Google does all the work for us and the only you have to do is get the information.

Lastly, Google is full of incorrect information and can lead to consequences. The internet has wrong information, which may lead to being misinformed. According to Roberts, “These are all questions that technology may be to address quicker than calling your own parents.” This shows how more people are counting on the internet than what they believe or having to do what they’ve always done. This can lead to having read information that is totally wrong and then get into great trouble or consequence.

According to Roberts, “If we spend all our time online, or experiencing our lives through

a smartphone camera lens we might miss important experiences.” This means that we might not commit them to long term memory. This can lead to not be able to create permanent memories. Google is affecting us negatively but in some ways it is useful. People might think that it’s a better way to find information because it’s faster and doesn’t take much time. However, Google is affecting us in the way we interact and think.

To conclude, Google is making us stupid because we don’t think as much as other people that don’t use Google. Google is affecting our intelligence negatively by the way we remember information, the deal of us thinking on our own, and how the internet contains wrong information. This can lead to bad influences like not taking the time to actually do research. It also has us misinformed. It can be that Google one day vanishes and we become unaware on what to do without it. We can have habits that may interfere in the development of knowledge, and the way we’ll grow.