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Nicholas Carr's blockbuster essay on how the Internet is changing the way we think, now available in a Kindle edition. Originally published in The Atlantic magazine in 2008, "Is Google Making Us Stupid?" set off a worldwide debate about the cognitive and cultural consequences of our infatuation with computers and online media.

The New York Times called it the article that "everyone is talking about." The essay served as the original inspiration for Carr's Pulitzer Prize-nominated book "The Shallows: What the Internet Is Doing to Our Brains." This edition of the essay includes an author's note on his sources. Approximately 5000 words in length.

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Al! says

The article is an abstract of the writer's famous book "The Shallows" :

The perfect recall of silicon memory, can be an enormous boon to thinking

But that boon comes at a price. As the media theorist Marshall McLuhan pointed out in the 1960s, media are not just passive channels of information. They supply the stuff of thought, but they also shape the process of thought

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

We are not only what we read, we are how we read

The process of adapting to new intellectual technologies is reflected in the changing metaphors we use to explain ourselves to ourselves

We risk turning into “‘pancake people’—spread wide and thin as we connect with that vast network of information accessed by the mere touch of a button

As we come to rely on computers to mediate our understanding of the world, it is our own intelligence that flattens into artificial intelligence

Vivian Mekonnen says

I had to read it for English 1301. I disagree with Carr because if you are very passionate about a topic you would not just skim through it. For example, I love fanfictions, and most f the fanfictions are long af. Since I love fanfictions, I read for fun and not as a chore. But if I had to read a two-page essay for school, I get very mad and skim through. Carr brought up points and proofs, and I enjoyed reading the essay. I would give it 3.5/ 5.
