

Source Integration Analysis

For this assignment I want you to pay close attention to how one professional writer incorporates source material into an argument. Please read "Is Google Making Us Stupid?" by Nicholas Carr. As you read, complete the following steps.

You can mark the text either by printing it out and highlighting/annotating it or pasting the text into a Word or Google Doc and annotating it electronically.

Step 1: Examine Quotations

Mark all the places where the author quotes someone.

Consider these questions:

- Do quotations come at the beginning, middle, or ends of sentences?
- Are quotations ever their own complete sentence?
- Are there any block quotations?
- What punctuation or formatting is used to mark different kinds of quotations?
- How does the author lead into the quotations in a smooth and understandable way?

Step 2: Examine Summaries and Paraphrases

Mark all the places that the author summarizes or paraphrases someone.

Consider these questions:

- How do you know the author is drawing from a source here even though there's no quote?
- Is it possible to tell the difference between what is summarized/paraphrased and what are the author's own ideas? How does the author accomplish this?

Step 3: Examine Attributive Tags

Mark all the attributive tags.

Consider these questions:

- Does the author always use an attributive tag when incorporating source material?
- What kind of info does the author give about each source?
- Where is this info placed in relation to the quote/summary/paraphrase?
- Does the author give the same information for each source? Why or why not?

Step 4: Reflect

Finally, write a paragraph reflecting on what you've learned by examining Carr's methods of incorporating course material.