

## READING FRAGMENTATION: CONCERNS AND ISSUES

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### Abstract

*The progress of technology is bilateral for it brings us not only convenience but also trouble, we enjoy our mobile phones, laptops and convenient transport, but also suffer from the lack of time, the lack of happiness and environmental troubles at the same time. Reading fragmentation is one of the common problems come up with the development of high-technology, people live with high- technologies have less time to read even a full book earnestly, due to the lack of time which is caused by endless work or entertainment. There is no need to discuss how important books are for human, we can easily conclude that we human can't develop without the help of books throughout our history, so it's necessary for us to think over what we should do when we face the reading fragmentation?*

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The process of education of man begins when he is in the womb of his mother. At that time, he has a kind of environment and he has to adapt himself to another than environment as soon as he is born. The outside environment is very much extensive than the womb of the mother and as such it needs more adaptation after birth. As the child grows up, his environment becomes more and more complex and accordingly the needs of adaptation also increase. This activity of adaptation is a part of his education process. So, in order to prepare himself for adaptation or develop himself man requires a systematic education and systematic learning. Learning includes Reading fragmentation which is one part of information fragmentation.

### What is Reading fragmentation?

Reading fragmentation is one part of information fragmentation, which is caused by development of technology and puts vital effect on our intellectual construction. As for a modern people, it's unnecessary to make any effort to get our wanted information. With the help of digital machine, the quantities of information are like volcanic erupting that covers every single corner of our lives. Every spreading revolution leads to monstrous altering in the field of thinking and knowledge, so the way we get information or news nowadays, will undoubtedly, change the mode how we interact with the world, like what printing had brought to the history.

But unfortunately many researches blame that reading fragmentation leads to the understanding disability or even handicap. For instance, The last National Assessment of Adult Literacy from 2003, which is a bit dated though, offers a picture of Americans' ability to read in everyday situation. (Of those who finished high school but did not continue their education). From this survey we can reap a result that even one person can read, he (she) can be functionally illiterate for they are unable to catch the articles' intent accurately which is required in the process of reading.<sup>(1)</sup> Other researches also announce that we can rarely focus on studying with whole attention, we can hardly read serious proses or articles, which shows we are gradually losing the ability of thinking deeply. And some scholars say that compared with one century before, in which the gain of information or knowledge is not so easy, we are more

likely to forget since we can acquire and save them with one click on our mobile phones. Miserable fact that we put so much to turn ourselves odd.<sup>1</sup>

That's quite reasonable because if we spend too much time and energy to digest every information we meet, then how can we make it possible to invest our time in those magnificent books which are always long, tedious and requires a lot of time for understanding? I am not suggesting that we should violate the wave of era, but if we want to gain success in our subsequent lifetime, then we ought to know the importance of traditional reading, which is sometime tortuous. Also, the ability of thinking independently, deeply and rationally is ever more important for us. It's a normal phenomenon that in the Internet most of netizens are easily to be incited and motivated by the boasting propaganda or gossip news, which have nothing to do with our mental development.

### **Conclusion**

That is to say, we should train ourselves acquire the ability to comprehensively mix the information up to a useful knowledge chain, in the same time to prevent ourselves form being ruled by incomplete segments. And make full use of reading fragmentation so that it could engender some complementary help at the way we study. Saving energy from meaningless and thoughtless noises is also integral.. Like Dickens said: It is the best of times, it is the worst of times, it is the age of wisdom, it is the age of foolishness.

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