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### Google Argumentative Essay

Currently, in the 21st century, technology has been an important tool in our everyday lives. One of the many parts of technology that all of us use is Google. Google is a search engine that can help you find any information you have on your mind in seconds. It is a very helpful tool, but there have been questions doubting Google, but the big one is; is Google negatively affecting our intelligence? The answer to that question would be yes, it does. In the nonfiction article, *The Shallows: What the Internet Is Doing to Our Brains* by Nicholas Carr, and the infographic, *A Study of Students' Online Research Behavior* by Moron and Firth state many reasons why Google is negatively affecting our intelligence. The main reasons why Google is negatively affecting our intelligence is Google gets us distracted, Google does not allow our minds to learn effectively, and it may not be helpful to students.

First of all, one of the reasons why Google is negatively affecting our minds is that Google gets us distracted. In the article, "The Shallows: What the Internet Is Doing to Our Brains, Nicholas Carr explains, "That's the problem with Google--and with the Internet in general. When we use our computers and our cellphones all the time, we are always distracted." We can not focus when we are on the Internet and can be harmful to your knowledge and what you learn, but this cannot just go for knowledge, it can be what you do and put in the Internet. In another part of this article, Carr states "The Net bombards us with messages and other bits of

data, and every one of those interruptions breaks our train of thought.” This goes back to the thought of being distracted and our mind not completely there. Not only can it distract you from fully learning, all of the distractions there can maybe lead to not really knowing what you are putting at risk and what websites you go on and can cause many problems. When we are learning, we are trying to gather as much as our brain allows us, but if we keep getting distracted or interrupted, we won’t fully grasp the concept which is how we are not able to learn to our best capacity.

Second of all, another reason why Google is negatively affecting our brain is that Google does not allow our minds to learn effectively. According to the same author, he informs, “We’re missing the real danger, that the human memory is not the same as the memory in a computer: it is through remembering that we make connections with what we know, what we feel, and this gives rise to personal knowledge.” Learning is a key to living through life effectively and one of those tools we use is the Internet and Google. So when Nicholas Carr explains the way we should be learning, and the the way we learn with Google, we don’t learn as thoroughly and it will not be helpful. Carr also states, “If we’re not forming rich connection in our minds, we’re not creating knowledge. Science tells us memory consolidation involves attentiveness: it is in this process that you form these connections.” This goes back to how we won’t learn as effectively because of all the distractions and the Internet in general.

Third of all, the last reason why Google is affecting us negatively is that it can be not helpful to students. In the infographic called, “A Study of Students’ Online Research Behavior by Moran and Firth. It presents, “The Internet is filled with incorrect information, which may lead to being misinformed.” This can show that is is not always good to trust everything the

Internet shows because the wrong information and lead to many misconceptions. And can lead to problems about the information. In another part of the infographic it explains, “When the information is saved externally, we don't usually don't memorize it, but rather remember the place where we can find it.” This shows that the information on Google or the Internet would not be as remembered as the source, and that would not be helpful when you are trying to remember information.

In the end, Google is a tool used worldwide and is very helpful, but in terms of knowledge and helpful to our minds, can be harmful. The main reasons why Google is harmful and can affect our minds negatively are, Google gets us distracted, Google does not allow our minds to learn effectively, and Google may not be helpful to students. All of these reasons can be used against Google and why many people shouldn't use this engine and why it is harmful to people.