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“Today, Google is the new technology.” The internet contains the world’s best writings, ideas, and also images. Google is the fastest way to find relevant pieces of information instantly. There are many ways the internet is useful, especially the search engine called Google. Many people would say that Google is making us unintelligent, but I believe it is not. According to resource A by Peter Norvig, resource B by Genevieve Roberts, and resource C by Morin and Firth, all of the authors believe the Google helps us in many ways when it comes to finding many resources and ideas. Google is making us more intelligent but helping us think better and faster, the opportunities that Google gives is a higher rate than when Google is not used wisely, and finally, Google makes us excellent at remembering where to find a given bit of information.

To begin with, Google is just another resource on the list of resources that helps us think better and faster. Dr. Maria Wimber believes that the internet simply changes the way we handle and store information. According to Peter Norvig and resource A, “Just as a car allows us to travel faster and the telescope lets us see farther, access to the internet’s information lets us think better and faster,” (p.4). By considering a more wide range of information, we can arrive at a more creative and forms solution. For example, the search engine, Google, has helped me find a big variety of resources from blocks to books when we searching for a project or even how to find a cure for cancer. To add on to that, Socrates was wrong to fear the coming of the written word. According to Peter Norvig from resource A, “Writing has improved our law, science, arts, culture, and our memory,” (p. 6). In the future, when today becomes history, we will say that Google has made a smarter and more intelligent. The fact that we can make resources more accessible through the

internet is incredible. Google helps us be more cyber savvy and we need to appreciate how much it has made us accomplish in life and that is how Google is not making us unintelligent.

To add on to that, Google changes the way we handle and store information, this is called the Google effect. Dr. Maria Winberg says that our brains rely on the internet for memory in much the same way they rely on the memory of a friend, family, or co-worker. According to Resource B, "Google makes us good at remembering where to find a given bit of information," (p.3). Let's say that you need to find homework online because you lost it at home. Well, having resources like Canvas and Weebly helps us connect with our teachers to help us retrieve it so we would not get in trouble the next day. I, myself, believe that I wouldn't be able to complete my homework assignments if it wasn't for Google. Another example is said by Anthropologist Dr. Genevieve Bell, saying, "Technology helps us live smarter, as we're able to access answers," (p.5). She gives the example of a new mother trying to work out whether their baby not sleeping is bad. These questions can be easily answered for her by using lots of other mothers have posted their experience. These are just more examples of how Google is not only a fast resource, but it also helps how we handle and process information on a daily basis.

Finally, Google gives us unlimited resources when we are trying to figure something out. We found out ways to memorize what we need to know by leveraging our visual memory. According to Resource C by Morin and Firth, "Without internet access, if you wanted to know about something, we would have limited source options to research it like a available book in the nearby library," (p.1). The next time the same information isn't available, we're more likely to remember it since we took the time to enhance the information in our mind. Accessible information doesn't make our minds weak, it reinforces them and it is a great source for

Innovation. All those are new habits may interfere in the development of deep, conceptual thought, we've stored information and our computer-based memories and they've become more accessible than ever before. Google is changing the world and has been for a very long time. This is how Google is making us more intelligent and innovative.

In conclusion, I believe that Google is doing our brain some good by helping us think better and faster, the opportunities outweigh the distractions, and finally, Google makes us good at remembering where to find a given bit of given information. Google is the new Black and it is helping us accomplish many of our goals in life.