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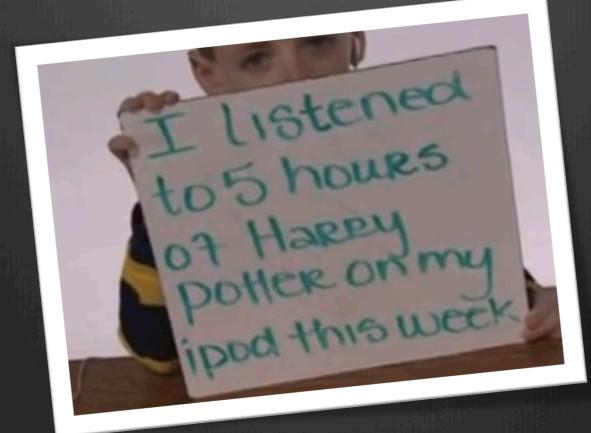


### There's an elephant in the room you and your students will have assumptions

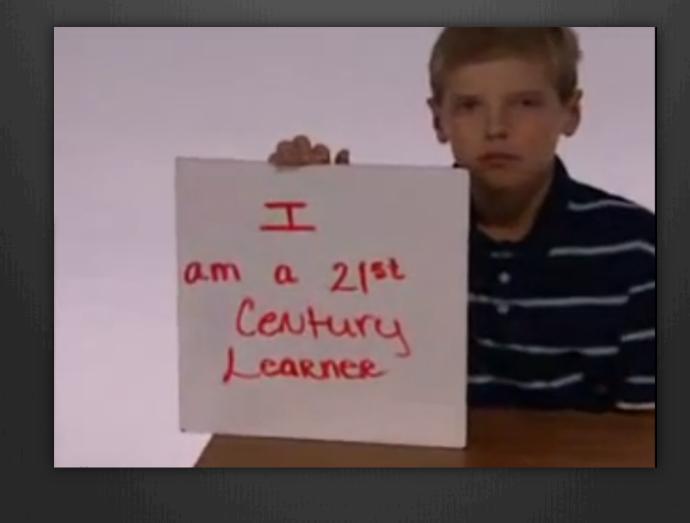
# My Case Study

**34%** Teachers assume students understand everything they are assigned to read

## What Do You Assume About Students' Reading?



# How Do Students Read in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century?



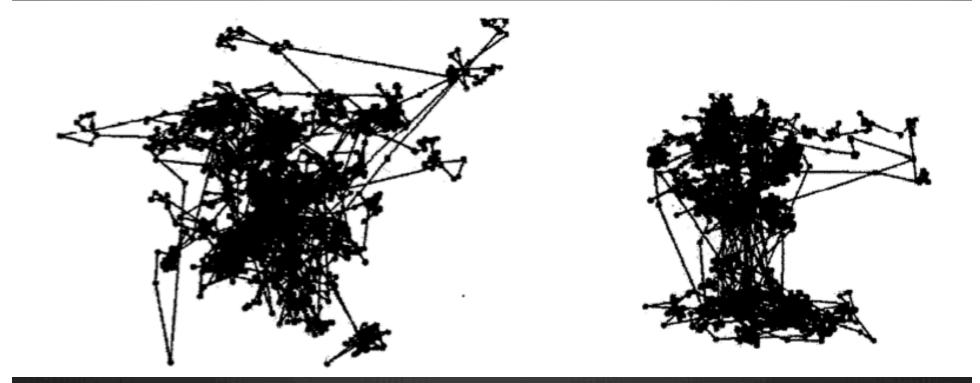
### Students Want to Use the Web

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# But How Do Students Read Digital Content?



# Digital and Print Eyetracking



Source: Jensema (2003). http://www.dcmp.org/caai/nadh134.pdf

# Digital Eyetracking

A Christmas Carol

Charles Dickens

Chapter 1 - Marley's Ghost

Marley was dead: to begin with. There is no doubt whatever about that. The register of his burial was signed by the clergyman, the clerk, the undertaker, and the chief mourner. Scrooge signed it. And Scrooge's name was good upon 'Change, for anything he chose to put his hand to. Old Marley was as dead as a door-nail.

Mind! I don't mean to say that I know, of my own knowledge, what there is particularly dead about a door-nail. I might have been inclined, myself, to regard a coffin-nail as the deadest piece of ironmongery in the trade. But the wisdom of our ancestors is in the simile; and my unhallowed hands shall not disturb it, or the Country's done for. You will therefore permit me to repeat, emphatically, that Marley was as dead as a door-nail.

Scrooge knew he was dead? Of course he did. How could it be otherwise? Scrooge and he were partners for I don't know how many years. Scrooge was his sole executor, his

a. Poynter eye-tracking study b. "F" pattern and the "golden triangle"

Source: Poynter.org http://www.poynter.org/extra/eyetrack2004/viewing.htm#1.3



Byerly, Greg. (2007). Look in their eyes: Eye tracking, usability, and children. *School Library Media Activities Monthly*, *April 2007*, 30-32. (p. 31)



#### Endless stories on Indian Railway



I love traveling by train and particularly Indian Railways. Love meeting strangers; sharing a few hours of my life with them, knowing well that I won't meet them again. Whenever I travel alone, I always look forward to see whom will I be sitting next to. I think everyone has at least one unforgettable memory of the Indian Railways. Mine being the fairly recent interaction with a number of people, things, platforms etc that make up the institution called Indian Railways.

During a trip to Bombay, I narrated my whole story of how it took me 11 hours to cover 60 kms by train and all the adventures in between; to Anu and Rane. One story led to another and we realised that just between the 3 of us we had some 10 incidents

to rail journeys to tell. Apart from my Chalo Dilli experience; there was the 1<sup>st</sup> when I travelled 1<sup>st</sup> om Delhi to Kolkata in Duronto and how both me and Sikander were truly impressed by the hospitality 2 of railway 1<sup>st</sup> class! ss of the staff on board. No air travel can come close to the

e was this story that my dad used to tell so often -

I was a MR. I had to change trains at Bandikui station late at night and once I had a strange still sometime question if it really happened or was my imagination. It was very late at re correct to call it was very early in the morning. I was sitting on a bench. ing my Wills and waiting for my train; when I saw this old man with a stick and blanket on his head hobbling towards my way. He stopped in front of him and said if I have a light. And the moment I lit natchstick and took it towards his face to light his cigarette all I saw was blankness"

ng long time I thought this story to be true until I read Ruskin Bond's horror stories! 😕

d about an incident where the up and down Geetaniali express used to meet at an intermediate station Ran too on opposite platforms. One can imagine the confusion that would create. Passengers boarding and at station were always double checking if they boarded the right train!

telling about an incident when she and her mother had to board a train with departure time 12:05am. ey boarded the realised the seat was already taken. Now it's not very uncommon that 2 passengers en given the same berth so they went to check with the TT where they discovered that they were a have for the train day.

at recounting our 1<sup>st</sup> experience with Mumbai local trains. We were a group of 10 freshers 3 Bandra which meant changing train at Dadar. The local train stops for exactly 2 seconds on realised Richa alone couldn't board the train! It was the time when cell phones were still a rry and definitely not something that college students would posses. The rest of us in the train just kept

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## Print Eyetracking Saccades

When a person is reading a sentence silently, the eye movements show that not every word is fixated. Every once in a while a regression (an eye movement that goes back in the text) is made to re-examine a word that may have not been fully understood the first time. This only happens with about 10% of the fixations, depending on how difficult the text is. The more difficult the higher the likelihood that regressions are made.

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# Print Eyetracking Skimmers

Reading Example:

This person is reading the text for understanding. So even though not every word is fixated, the amount of time spent on each word is indicative of the processing of the word.

#### Skimming Example:

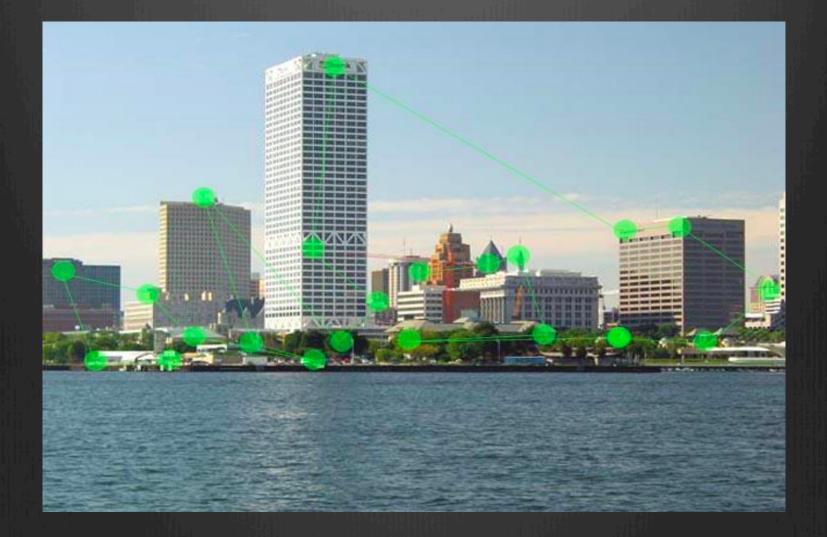
This person is skimming the text. This is most obvious from the pattern of fixations that are more dispersed and shorter fixation durations that is typical for this type of reading. The main gist maybe understood, but poorer memory for the text usually results.

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# Eye Movement & Scene Perception

### Memorization Task

### Visual Search Task



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Eyetracking Research Golden Triangle and "F" Pattern Saccades Text Matters on Screen Text before images Larger font size first According to reader expectations Differences: Silent, Oral, Visual, Graphic Live performance, auditory Reading is Procedural Sixed gaze & peripherally Started in 1908, Edmund Huey Attached aluminum pointer to cornea

## Comprehension Attention Visual Auditory Cognitive Procedural

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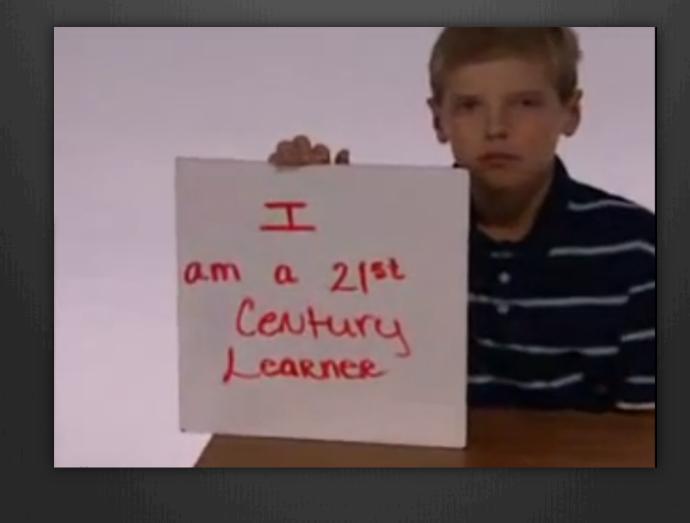


# How do students read?

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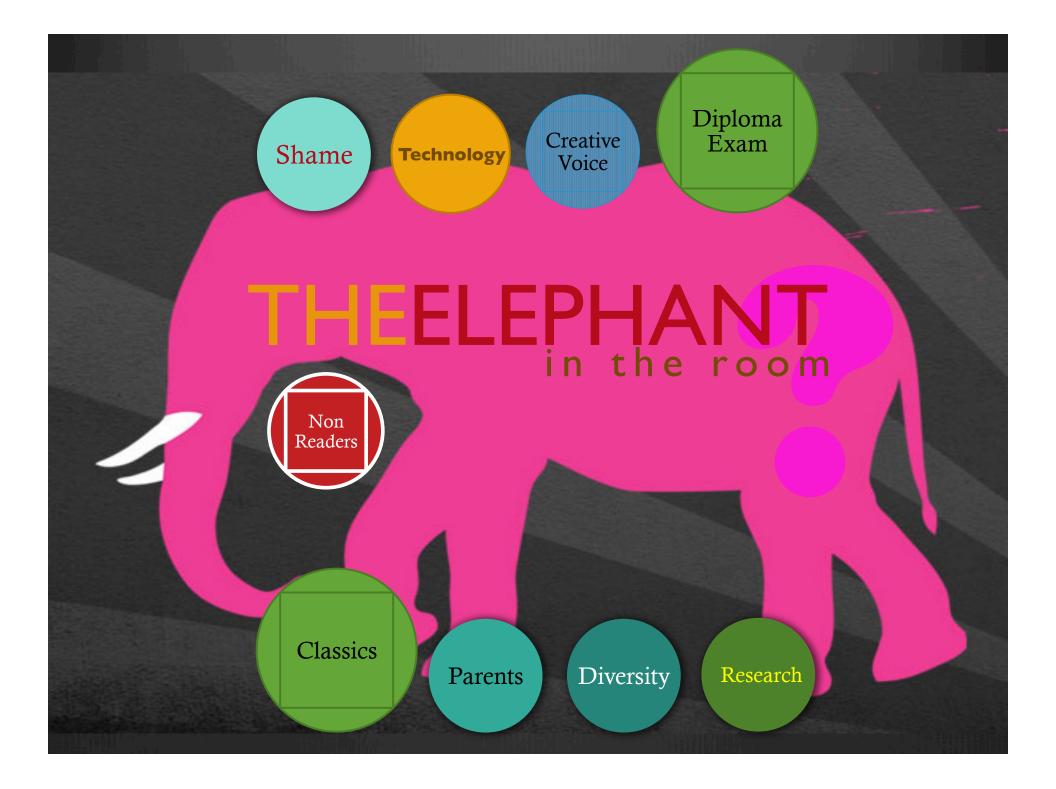
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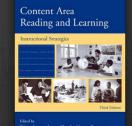


# What Do You Think?

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# You are reading research in the content areas. **How then will you teach?** What is your elephant in the room?





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