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**What's working?**—they can

Read his book the shallows  
- very interesting

Also used in beginning

misjudge its difficulty and assume knowledge of reference points that students don't have. ("You mean you don't know who Joseph McCarthy was?") Even an event so present in our minds as the September 11, 2001, destruction of the World Trade Center does not exist as a clear memory for current first-year college students, who were only 5 or 6 years old when it happened.

### Readers—Left Behind

Typically, students read selections from an anthology, to the point where the anthology seems a natural, inevitable source. But the anthology lifts pieces from their original context.

Let's take as an example Nicholas Carr's widely read 2008 essay, "Is Google Making Us Stupid?" which appeared in *The Atlantic*. Readers of this magazine will recognize the genre. The essay takes a provocative and

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