

## 8/29/18 Assignment:

### A. Why Millennials Are Often Poor Writers

I support the argument "Carr argues that the constant use of computers and smartphones is literally re-wiring our brains in such a way that we will LOSE the ability to read a complete book or engage in any real deep thinking." It is hard for some millennials to engage in certain sophisticated conversations because of a lack of knowledge and deep thinking. Although I believe millennials lack the ability to write efficiently, I would not go as far as supporting "I had 14 of 16 students that didn't make use of paragraphs!!" Millennials may have adopted "stream of consciousness writing. It's rambling, disconnected, fragmented and indecipherable mumbo jumbo." but classic paragraph writing is fairly universal.

### B. Millennials Are Changing Writing

I agree with the point that, "That's because millennials have created a new rulebook for a variant of written English unique to social media. A rulebook which states that deliberately misspelled words and misused grammar can convey tone, nuance, humour, and even annoyance." Millennials have created a new communication system that abandoned some traditional English writing norms. I cannot say that I personally was aware of some of these "rules" for millennial writing but I do partake in them.

### C. Summary

Conclusively, I would say the ideas of these two articles are not too far-fetched. Wilson stated how millennials are not well educated on proper essay writing. Technology has in recent years changed an enormous amount of how millennials read and write, severely altering learning. Although I did not agree on his statement about millennials lacking knowledge of basic essay structure I do agree that writing has become less engaging and more "rambling." As for Thompson, I agree that the use of hyphenations, emojis, and misuse of proper punctuation has altered millennial writing significantly. Millennials commonly lack the ability to properly spell and communicate tone because of these new substitutes.