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Txtng is killing language. JK!!!

TED Lectures

Note-taking Activity

Directions: First listen to the lecture and take notes. Then using your notes, you will answer the following questions.

1. Does the speaker believe that texting is affecting people's writing abilities?
2. When did humans begin to use speech?
3. How does the speaker describe the difference between writing and speaking casually?
4. How does he describe forma; speech?
5. How have the changes in technology affected communication?
6. Why does the speaker say texting has an "emergent complexity"?
7. What is an example of this structure?
8. Why does the speaker show the quotes from educators as far back as 63 A.D.?
9. Does McWhorter see the effects of texting as positive or negative?

