

them to not be able to recognize words and patterns within words which can make it very difficult to learn how to read. (Gathercole, 53) Schools want to make sure that everyone feels included so they have accommodated textbooks to be able to be understood by almost any level of reader within the school. Researches say this is why some students are turned off of reading because they simply are not being challenged or find the "dumbed down" information interesting. "Charlie Skyes concludes that these "faddish techniques for teaching reading" have produced "a generation of illiterates"." Even though students are required more education to be able to just apply for jobs they are interested in they are not prepared with the proper reading skills required for that job. (Galloway) Expectations of employees has gone up but the intelligence of employees has gone down since schools are trying to make everyone feel that they are at an equal level of intelligence but this holds back the students with high potential since they are not being challenged. (Galloway)

This essay has demonstrated that technology might be the thing of the future but is not the main reason for the decline in our society's literacy skills. Parents need to pay more attention and involve themselves more in their child's development of literacy skills and learning to read. Teachers need to take more time to ensure that their students are prepared for the next step in their school career so they do not struggle in the future. Parents also need to remember that their children are sensitive to their environment and they must be conscious of this because it is directly relates to their literacy skills and development. Schools need to learn to separate learners to make sure they are getting what they need in order to be successful without holding them back and teaching them that challenges can be a good thing.