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Reflection on researched response

The Research Response project was mainly completed through cooperation with my group members. We used the article [Thinking Is Becoming a Luxury Good](#) as the text for my response. We discussed together and completed the reverse outline, evaluation of sources, and summary of the foundation article. In this process, through the reverse outline we deeply analyzed the article, understood the author's purpose, and learned the main idea. It helped me write down all my ideas clearly. It also helped me stay clear in the final draft, organize my thoughts faster, and make sure my argument stayed consistent. By creating an outline and organizing my points and evidence in each paragraph, and by studying the article's sources and highlighting the author's ideas, I could better understand how to respond to the author and how to find evidence to disagree with the author. The reverse outline helped me clearly organize all my ideas and keep my argument consistent in the final version.

The evaluation of sources helped me find stronger evidence to support my argument. Whether it was academic sources or the survey questions created by my group and me, they made my argument more real and more convincing. The summary of the foundation article was also important. The beginning and ending of an essay are very important. Besides writing an opening that attracts readers, it is also important to clearly summarize the main idea at the end.

When choosing sources before, I usually depended more on secondary sources, such as academic articles and media reports. This time, we had the chance to create our own survey questions.

After receiving real responses, when I read the answers from participants, I felt the results were

closer to my own life. I could turn my own doubts into questions and then read other people's answers. This process felt new and interesting to me, and it made me more confident in my point of view.

One example is that in [Thinking Is Becoming a Luxury Good](#) , the author says that people are becoming worse at identifying fake news and that more people are losing the ability to think long-term and stay rational when looking at information. However, in our survey, most participants admitted that they are influenced by online information, but they still try to stay clear-minded and care about checking if information is true. This result became one piece of evidence for my response to the article, and it also gave me stronger support for my idea that thinking is not a luxury good.

My understanding of urgency mostly comes from news, because news is a main way to learn about urgent events and get real information. It helps readers understand the background and process of events. Also, when writing an essay, it is very important to adjust tone based on audience, topic, and purpose. In my article *The Dance of Neurons and AI*, I mainly discussed how modern society lacks an environment that reduces distractions and helps people focus, which makes deep thinking feel like a luxury. I also argued that differences in cognitive ability and reading habits are mainly caused by the large gap in resources between rich and poor, not simply by how long people use screens.