Multiple Document Literacy: Past, Present, and Prospects

Multiple document literacy concerns how people try to make sense of information presented across diverse documents dealing with the same topic, issue, or phenomenon, as well as how they try to communicate their understanding. During the last decades, research on multiple document literacy has grown to become a major thrust within literacy and learning. In this talk, I will highlight some foundational work in the area of multiple document literacy research, before I review its development during the last 25 years through a personal lens. I will also reflect on some hopes and hunches I have about the near future of research on multiple document literacy, and at the end of my talk, I will introduce a big animal on the multiple document literacy scene.

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