

1. What is Zimmer's argument? Put this in **enthymeme** form.
2. What is the effect of the first two sentences of the essay?
3. Zimmer uses a mythological allusion in the second paragraph. Explain the allusion and what it reveals about Zimmer's point of view (You might have to do the tiniest bit of research for this!).
4. What is your response to David Crystal's assertion about texting and literacy?
5. Explain your understanding of the "extended mind." How does Zimmer and those who coined the phrase make this concept accessible?
6. Analyze some of the strategies Zimmer uses to support his argument.
7. Respond to Clark's view that we are "natural born cyborgs."
8. Does Zimmer anticipate objections to his argument or make concessions? If so, identify where he does this.
9. In the third-to-last paragraph, Zimmer points out that "neuroscientists will soon be able to offer fresh ways to enhance our brains, whether with drugs or with implants," and brushes off those who "say that these [enhancements] are immoral because they defile our true selves... [are people who] ignore biology." What do you think about this point?
10. Between Nicholas Carr and Carl Zimmer, who do you feel supported his argument better? Explain your opinion with references to the texts.