



READINGS AND RESOURCES ABOUT THE SCIENCE OF LEARNING

This list is a selective overview of some useful resources for deepening your understanding of concepts introduced in the Science of Learning MOOC. It is not meant to be comprehensive but simply as an entry point for you into the research about how people learn. Many of the articles cited can be found online as PDFs for your professional use and application.

Learning—General

Books

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Website Blogs

The Learning Scientists: <http://www.learningscientists.org/>

Daniel Willingham Science and Education Blog:

<http://www.danielwillingham.com/daniel-willingham-science-and-education-blog>

Learning Deeply Blog:

http://blogs.edweek.org/edweek/learning_deeply/?_ga=1.221559128.1114697907.1480521103

Inspired Instruction--Videos from the Teaching Channel:

http://blogs.edweek.org/teachers/inspired_instruction/?_ga=1.160215549.1114697907.1480521103

Conferences and Workshops



Learning and the Brain:

<https://www.learningandthebrain.com/education-conferences>

Understanding Memory and Learning

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