

A Lifetime of Enjoyable Reading: Self Reflection via Neuroimages

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The invention of writing systems, which enabled human to develop new types of cognitive activities, e.g., writing one's thought and reading others' mind, is a remarkable achievement of humankind. Basically, by utilizing the new tool, human created an additional "virtual" brain which took over some of the executive functions of the real brain. History witnessed itself through writings and from reading a very tiny portion of the available writings (ancient, recent, and current), the reader learned much about different characteristics of the evolving civilizations around the world. In a sense, our reading brain is a record of ourselves through life and high-tech neuroimages of the reading brain give us an opportunity to better know our inner world, both cognitive and affective.