

Cultural Literacy

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Look up Western Canon & Starve (Poem) by Harold Bloom.

The Closing of the American Mind — Allan Bloom

A Hope in the Unseen (Suskind)

Cultural Literacy —

basic info needed to thrive in the modern world

- ↳ can be superficial or vague
- ↳ fundamentally at a national level

superficial → Dancy & Rousseau derided this mode of knowledge gathering.

"the man who possesses a bunch of information is a useless bore"

cultural literacy ⇒ facilitates communication (efficacy/compression)

→ the power of persuasion (rhetorical force)

→ who cultural literacy you are effectively illiterate.

↳ reading newspapers is important

communication

↳ enables participation

Hirsch → cultural literacy enables social mobility

Delpet → culture of power.