

How I'm discovering the secrets of ancient texts by Gregory Heyworth

VOCABULARY:

1. Fill in the table with appropriate words:

NOUN	VERB	ADJECTIVE
function DYSFUNCTION (a disorder/abnormal operation of your body)	to FUNCTION	FUNCTIONAL (positive) DYSFUNCTIONAL (negative)
jeopardy	to JEOPARDIZE	*****
INHERITANCE / HERITAGE	to inherit	inherently
transport	TRANSPORT	TRANSPORTABLE (sth that can be moved)
STUTTER	to STUTTER	stuttering

2. Connect the two parts of a phrase to create collocations, then watch the TED talk and check your answers:

- A. in a neat 9
- B. a trove of 4
- C. we can see in the visible 5
- D. to capture 6
- E. it dates from 8
- F. it was entirely illegible 7
- G. we witness the changes 1
- H. with a background 2
- I. it conjures 3

- 1. of mind
- 2. in Latin and Greek
- 3. up images of someone sitting idly in an armchair
- 4. thousands of unknown texts
- 5. spectrum of light
- 6. images
- 7. under normal light
- 8. the first half of the 4th century
- 9. little parcel

DISCUSSION:

1. Consider these questions in pairs/small groups:

- a) Do you preserve your family heritage? If so, how? Do you keep a family tree or photo album?
- b) How important is to preserve old books and manuscripts?
- c) What can we gain from digitizing old books and keeping them in a digital form?
- d) Are you not afraid that the digital world is much more vulnerable to time than the analogue (paper) world?
- e) In his book 1984, George Orwell says: "He who controls the past, controls the future; and he who controls the present, controls the past." Do you agree? Does this apply to countries today?

