

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 _____ (a disorder/abnormal operation of your body)	_____	_____ (positive) _____ (negative)
jeopardy	_____	*****
_____	to inherit	inherently
transport	_____	_____ (sth that can be moved)
_____	_____	stuttering

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

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| A. in a neat | 1. of mind |
| B. a trove of | 2. in Latin and Greek |
| C. we can see in the visible | 3. up images of someone sitting idly in an armchair |
| D. to capture | 4. thousands of unknown texts |
| E. it dates from | 5. spectrum of light |
| F. it was entirely illegible | 6. images |
| G. we witness the changes | 7. under normal light |
| H. with a background | 8. the first half of the 4th century |
| I. it conjures | 9. little parcel |

DISCUSSION:

1. Consider these questions in pairs/small groups:

- Do you preserve your family heritage? If so, how? Do you keep a family tree or photo album?
- How important is to preserve old books and manuscripts?
- What can we gain from digitizing old books and keeping them in a digital form?
- Are you not afraid that the digital world is much more vulnerable to time than the analogue (paper) world?
- 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?