

3.5.3 Designing to connect (All students)

Comparisons and contrasts

All texts have structures and these structures support the reading of the text for meaning. Before interactive technology, we read on printed paper, a technology requiring single, linear forms and, over centuries, text structures gradually emerged which are effective in communicating certain kinds of messages or ideas for the culture of the period. Now we are looking to adapt traditional forms such as narrative or argument to our new technologies and to invent new ones.

Explore this statement by choosing a short story and a website that interests you. Compare and contrast the ways you read and navigate each of them.

| Reading a short story | Reading a website |
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| Organisation of information • • • | Organisation of information • • • |
| Words are used to • • • | Words are used to • • • |
| Senses used include • • • | Senses used include • • • |
| Relationship with reader established through • • • | Relationship with reader established through • • • |
| Style achieved through • • • | Style achieved through • • • |
| Reading pathway • • • | Reading pathway • • • |

