

Supplemental Material S2. Descriptions of compare–contrast, cause–effect, and narrative lectures.

Discourse genre (and type, if appropriate)	Summary description
Expository (compare–contrast)	Main idea: There are several advantages and disadvantages to living in a Lifeland city. The lecture describes four main comparative relationships contrasting advantages and disadvantages of housing, education, employment, and population growth in Lifeland’s cities.
Expository (cause–effect)	Main idea: Lifeland led the world in inventions during the 600–700s. The lecture presents four main causative relationships describing how the inventions in Lifeland affected other nations in four important areas: early inventions, shipbuilding, written language, and architecture.
Narrative	Main idea: In the midst of a Lifeland disaster, the kindness and selflessness of the “man in the water,” who died after helping others be saved before himself, reminded observers and survivors of the good of humankind.