
Parts of this book that I found most useful were the history of the discipline and learning more about Scholes’s background (Although regretful that Scholes had died in December 2016 and there would no further from him on these matters, I was glad for what he has left us). There are the parts about how English arose from Rhetoric, the diminution of oratory and the concentration on reading, writing and criticism until that’s what it became.

TEXTUALISING WITH A DIFFERENCE Himansu S. Mohapatra The Rise and Fall of English: Reconstructing English as a Discipline. By Robert Scholes. New Haven: Yale University Press. 1998. pp. 203. The Rise and Fall of English: Reconstructing English as a Discipline. Robert Scholes. Published on Nov 1, 1998in American Journal of Education. Â· DOI:10.1086/444205. Copy DOI. George Hillooks2. Estimated H-index: 2. Find in Lib. Source. This book will probably never make the NYTimes Bestseller list, but for its intended audience of literature and English composition instructors, this is a thought-provoking text which provides a much-needed jab in the ribs to English departments everywhere. This is not a dry critical review, but a practical, specific and inspirational text regarding the declining status of English studies in the U.S. Scholes doesn't just whine about what's wrong, but shows readers some ways to make English a useful and necessary component of a university education. As an English graduate student, I wa