The reading and the lecture are both about comparative characteristics of online and traditional encyclopedias. The author of the reading believes that the communal online encyclopedias are known by some crucial problems which make them less reliable than traditional encyclopedias. Furthermore, it claims that the idea of authoring by all community of internet users is unacceptable. The lecturer casts doubt on the claims made in the article. He thinks that the criticism is regarding to low knowledge about online encyclopedia's development.

First of all, the author declares that due to lack of essential academic degrees of contributors to a communal online encyclopedia, their involvement may cause inaccuracy in many cases. He also believes these issues are barely happened by trained specialists who write traditional encyclopedias because they know how to control standard features. This point is challenged by the lecturer. He says that even traditional encyclopedias have never been completely accurate. Furthermore, He points out the material in an online encyclopedia can be corrected by users easily while with the printed one, the errors may remain for decades.

Secondly, the author states that in online encyclopedia, there is an opportunity for hackers to fabricate or delete data. He argues the users can hardly understand if the materials have been changed or not.The lecturer rebuts this. He suggests that online encyclopedias tried to use such a format that nobody can make changes to. He also mentions that online encyclopedias are using some special editors whose job is to control all of the changes and remove those changes that have adverse effects.

Finally, the author mentions that online encyclopedias have no proportional view of what topic is really essential and what is not, in addition, traditional encyclopedias consider the amount of importance of topic and know what materials to include or exclude. The lecturer, on the other hand, states that the limited space is a shortcoming of traditional encyclopedias, so they should care about what is important and what is not. He puts forth the idea that one of the advantages of online encyclopedia is offering diversity of topics.