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Importance of Stupidity

“The importance of stupidity in scientific research” by Martin Schwartz

Guided Reading Questions

1. Why did the author’s friend drop out of graduate school?
2. Why do people like subjects they are good at? How does doing well on an assignment or test make you feel?
3. What realization did the author have after being told Nobel Prize winner Henry Taube didn’t know the answer to a question?
4. What is the difference between “productive stupidity” and “relative stupidity”?
5. Why are mistakes and feeling stupid important to scientific research?
6. What are your thoughts about this article?