

Opinion: Read a book; you may just learn from it

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Asked how to explain one of President Trump's latest incredulisms – I think I just made that word up – a CNN commentator said she was at a loss. The issue was Trump's belief that, had he been around at the time, President Andrew Jackson could have staved off the Civil War, a war that didn't have to happen and a war for which our president wasn't quite sure how and why it happened. Or so he said.

After a few pundits took a stab at trying to tell us what Trump might have really meant to say – to little or no avail – the last commenter said the issue wasn't about what the president was trying to say. It was really about what he wasn't trying to know. The solution, she declared, was an immediate need for Trump to “crack open a book.”

She implied willful ignorance, and I am pretty sure it was a negative comment.

But I am not here trying to be negative, I am merely picking up on the concept of reading a book.

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