



ON APRIL 18, 1955, ALBERT EINSTEIN, ONE OF THE MOST BRILLIANT SCIENTISTS WHO EVER LIVED, DIED OF HEART FAILURE IN A PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY, HOSPITAL.

WHAT HAPPENED RIGHT AFTER THAT IS PRETTY HARD TO BELIEVE.

THOMAS HARVEY, THE PATHOLOGIST ON CALL THAT NIGHT, BEGAN EINSTEIN'S AUTOPSY. AS A PATHOLOGIST, HIS ONLY JOB WAS TO DETERMINE THE CAUSE OF DEATH. INSTEAD, WITHOUT PERMISSION, HARVEY CUT OUT EINSTEIN'S BRAIN, PLUNKED IT IN A JAR FULL OF FORMALIN, AND TOOK IT TO HIS HOME OFFICE.

YEAH, HE STOLE EINSTEIN'S BRAIN.

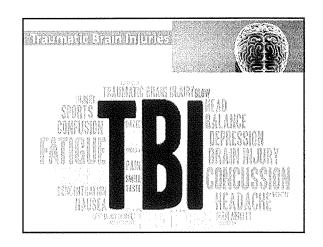


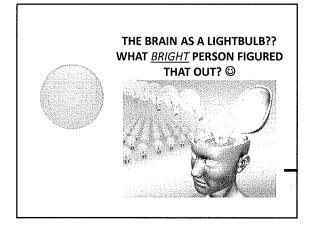
HARVEY REMOVED AND WEIGHEDTHE BRAINAT 1230G. THEN, TOOK IT TO A LAB ATTHE UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYUANIAWHERE HE DISSECTED EINSTEIN'S BRAIN INTO SEVERAL PIECES; SOME OF THE PIECES HE KEPT TO HIMSELF WHILE OTHERS WERE GIVEN TO LEADING PATHOLOGISTS.

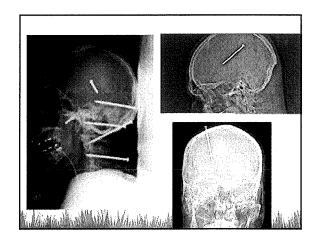
HARVEY INJECTED 50% FORMALINTHROUGH THE INTERNAL CAROTID ARTERIES AND AFTERWARDS SUSPENDED THE INTACT BRAIN IN 10% FORMALIN.

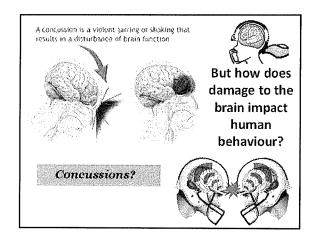
HARVEY PHOTOGRAPHEDTHE BRAIN FROM MANY ANGLES. HE THEN DISSECTED IT INTO ABOUT <u>240 BLOCKS</u> (EACH ABOUT 1 CM²) AND ENCASEDTHE SEGMENTS IN A PLASTIC-LIKE MATERIAL CALLED COLLODION.

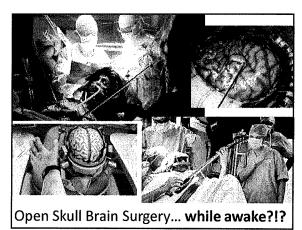
HARVEY ALSO <u>REMOVED EINSTEIN'S EYES</u>, AND GAVE THEM TO HENRY ABRAMS, EINSTEIN'S OPHTHALMOLOGIST.









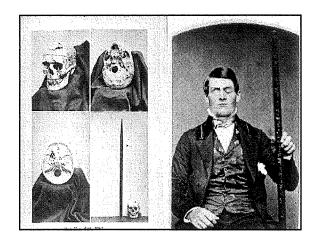






PHINEAS GAGE...
METAL POLE IN HIS BRAIN... OUCH!

On September 13, 1848, the then 25-year-old Gage was working as the foreman of a crew preparing a railroad bednear Cavendish, Vermont. He was using an iron tamping rod to pack explosive powder into a hole. Unfortunately, the powder detonated, sending the 43 inch long and 1.25 inchdiameter rod hurtling upwad. The rod penetrated Gage's left cheek, tore through his bain, and exited his skull before reportedly landing some80 feet away.

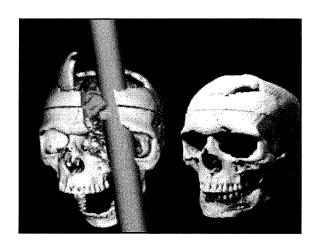


PHINEAS GAGE...



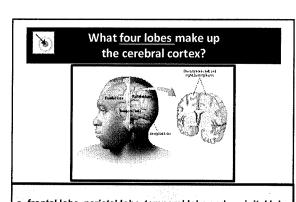
Shockingly Gage not only survived the initial injury but was able to speak and walk to a nearby cartso he could be taken into town to be seen by a doctor Dr. Edward H. Williams, the first physician to respond later described what he found:

"I first noticed the wound upon the head before I alighted from my carriage, the pulsations of the brain being very distinct. Mr. Gage, during the time I was examining this wound, was relating the manner in which he was injured to the bystanders. I did not believe Mr. Gage's statementat that time, but thought he was deceived. Mr. Gage persisted in saying that the bar went through his head... Mr. G. gat up and vomited; the effort of vomiting pressed out about half a teacupful of the brain, which fell upon the floor."

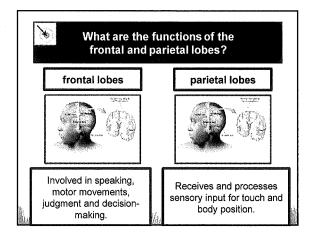


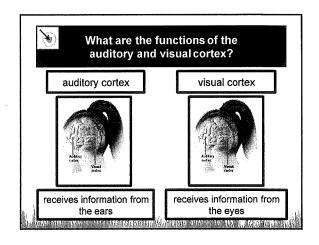
PHINEAS GAGE...

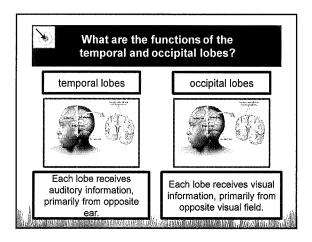
Unable to return to his railroad job, Gage held a series of jobs including work in a livery stable, a stagecoach driver in Chile and farm work in California. Popular reports of Gage often depict him as a hardworking, pleasant man prior to the accident. Post-accident, these reports describe him as a changed man, suggesting that the injury had transformed him into a surly, aggressive drunkard who was unable to hold down a job.... His entire personality and behavior changed and his family claimed he was not the same person. Perhaps it was because his brain had been seared by an iron rod...

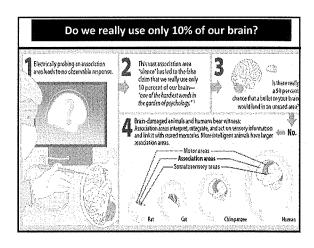


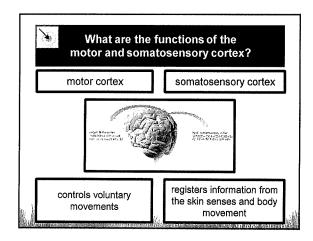
- frontal lobe, parietal lobe, temporal lobe and occipital lobe
 - located in both right and left hemispheres











What are the Association areas?
Most of the brain's cortex which integrates information involved in learning, remembering, thinking, and other higher-level functions.
Attention is shifted, planning occurs.
Not specifically devoted to motor or sensory cortex functions.

Let's look at the research on association areas...

- · The prefrontal cortex in the forward part of
- the frontal lobes enables judgment, planning, and processing of new memories
- · (de la Vega et al., 2016).
- People with damaged frontal lobes may have high intelligence test scores and great cakebaking skills. Yet they would not be able to plan ahead to begin baking a cake for a birthday party
- (Huey et al., 2006).
- And if they did begin to bake, they might forget the recipe.
- (MacPherson et al., 2016).

How does our brain adjust to new experiences?



 plasticity: the brain's ability to change, especially during childhood, by reorganizing after damage or by building new pathways based on experience

The case of Phineas Gage



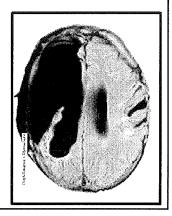
A tamping iron accident damaged neural tracks in his frontal lobe.



His frontal lobes could no longer filter emotional reactions from the limbic system.

How does plasticity work?

In this image, most of the right hemisphere of a young girl's brain has been removed due to chronic seizures that threatened her life.



What are Broca's and Wernicke's areas?

Billio Marketti Marketti kan Marketti Marketti Marketti Marketti Marketti Marketti Marketti Marketti Marketti

Broca's area

Wernicke's area

language center located in the left frontal lobe

involved in expressive language

language center located in the left temporal lobe

involved in receptive language

What is Neurogenesis?



- Although the brain often attempts self-repair by reorganizing existing tissue, it sometimes
- attempts to mend itself through neurogenesis—producing new neurons.

ANAO AR WADAMRAAARAARA