

I found Fechner's story to be most interesting. The injury he ends up having with his eyes occurred in an unusual way. He was wearing colored glasses and looked at the sun, and because of this he injured his eyes. I also thought it was interesting that he learned from Ernst Weber, who we also read about. Their relationship is interesting, because Fechner's ideas about psychophysics are clearly closely related to some of Weber's ideas. For example, Weber's idea of just noticeable differences was an idea that demonstrated the relationship between the mind and the body. Fechner's thinking took this idea one step further, and devised a way for this relationship to be measured. His contribution to the field of psychology was to point out a mathematical equation that could describe the effect of an increasing stimulus on a sensation. His discovery made it possible to portray relationships between the body and mind. It also made it possible to conduct experiments on the mind. This was a very important discovery for the field of psychology. What I also found interesting about Fechner's life was his unusual recovery. His illness seemed to be related to his thinking. When someone had a dream of him eating a certain meal, and then cooked it for him, his symptoms began to improve. However, his symptoms did end up coming back. When he did get well, it was when he was convinced that he would be better after 77 days. After 77 days, he did get better. It seemed that his illness was in some way connected with his brain. Despite the difficulties that he faced during his life, our text tells us that at the time, the importance of his idea about the relationship between sensation and stimulation could be compared to the importance of the discovery of the laws of gravity.