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of the region was a predominantly oral culture. But what if, Cohen

posits, we thought about media and technology beyond the