

Assignment 1

To be delivered until Monday, 11 April 2011, as a pdf by email,

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My world. The world I come from.

Write a short essay of one page length only. About your country, your home town, its people, its history, its tensions, its beliefs, its variety. Your family, your friends ... Think about your origins in the sense of „my world, the world I come from“. Pick one aspect only, describe it carefully, objectively, poetically, critically. Exciting, distancing. Concentrate on an event, a single item, an aspect, and give a crisp account of how you see the world back home.

Be as personal as you like, be as impersonal as you must. But think about „world“ when you write. What is in your mind when you think about what your world is, or may be?

We will take your essays as the starting points into our meeting next week.

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Study pages 218 to 228 of Lev Manovich, *The Language of New Media* (2001). Or even more of the subchapter „The database“ of chapter „The Forms“. As you read those eleven pages, generate two lists. One list of statements, a second one of questions. Statements Manovich makes that you find important, remarkable, controversial, wrong. Or statements that come to your mind as you read, like hypotheses you feel should be discussed. The questions should be rooted in the text like „What does he mean by ... ?“ Or „Is it true that ... ?“ Or „What would follow if ... ?“ Etc.

Again, about one page should come out of this, no more.

As far as I know the text is completely available on the internet.