

Task Checklist for "Life in the Matrix: Information Technology and Society," Spring 2005

(print this out to keep a record of your progress)

Due no later than:	Completed √	Task
1/20		view the McNally photoessay and then write and post to the list a one-paragraph comparison of something in your life to the photos in "Global Culture ..."
1/25		write a short response to someone else's posting on the list from 1/20, read Streeter, Baker, and Longman, and then write and post to the list a two-paragraph reflection on one or more of the readings.
1/27		write a response to someone else's posting on the list, and read Williams and Zizek.
2/1		read Bolter and the Borges short story, and write and post to the list a reaction to one or both of them:
2/3		write at least one response to one of the previous postings, and read Walter Ong. Then, write and post to the list a description of a personal experience of yours that illustrates the difference between an oral and a print culture.
2/6		By midnight read Eisenstein, and write and post to the list a question about the reading.
2/8		post a response to someone else's question.
2/10		read Nelson and Duguid and post an explanation of which author you think better captures the future of the book and why.
2/15		read Platt and Stone, and post a reaction to the list:
2/17		post a response to the previous postings, and read Dibbell and Dery.
2/22		read Turkle and Foucault, and posting an answer to the question, "Is there a true self?" referring to the articles in your posting.
2/24		read Ellen Ullman.
3/1		Town Meeting Day; no class
3/3		research paper proposals are due! Also, read Winner, and post a question about the article to the list.
3/8		post a response to one of the postings from 3/3, read Chandler and McLuhan, and post an example of an argument based in technological determinism you find in the media or in popular culture.
3/10		read Williams "Tech and Society."
3/15		read Carey and Quirk, and post a reaction to the list.
3/17		read Kang.
3/29		annoted bibliographies are due! Also read Rosen, peruse www.epic.org , and post a reaction to the list.
4/5		read the Dean websites and Wolf, post a reaction to the list.
4/7		write a response to a previous post, read and listen to the interview with Rosen, and post a reaction.
4/12		read Valenti and Kapica, and post a reaction to the list.
4/14		rough drafts are due!
4/19		read Dan Schiller and Lessig, and post a reaction.