

Juxtapose/ Monkey Wrenching the Archive

Can you call attention to behaviors, aesthetics, trends, or mythologies by juxtaposing mediums against each other or by altering source materials? Your task is to address this problem for a specific mythology of your choosing. You may use any video/audio animation/editing tools you know how to use.

Your work can be obvious and over the top or you can keep it subtle. You may **create or find** your audio and video/stills. If you want to create a system for randomly pulling stuff from Spotify or Youtube like Hannah Black did, that's great! You are playing with **contrast!** **PLAYING is the important word here.**

You may create:

- video with audio
- audio piece

Preliminary Due: 3/14

Final Due: Monday after break

Requirements:

- Clear thesis in your piece. It's ok if the work is subtle and you have to give people a min to react to it. Just make sure the idea is clear for you to verbalize to me.
- Time: 4 to 5 min if you are doing a narrative or abstract video, or narrative or abstract audio.
(1 min if you want to try doing a stop motion animation).
- Citation!!!! Cite the material in a separate PDF.
- Upload to Vimeo with description
- Attempt to capture the video in the highest quality possible. You may not always have success in getting 1080px and that's ok. Just try a few capturing apps

Technical Parameters:

INVEST TIME IN EDITING YOUR SOUND!!!! You can make crappy images/video look decent if you are using quality sound. No matter how good the images/video, if the sound is unintentional and/or poorly edited, the viewer will be easily distracted by this audio. This kind of distraction can be used to your advantage but it has to be a CRAFTED AND FANESSED DISTRACTION.

How To Capture Video:

-Video Downloader Plus / Chrome Extension (IT WORKED AS SOON AS I RE-STARTED CHROME!) downloads from all Vimeo and a some less-than possibly legal streaming sites.

- <https://y2mate.com/> Website that converts youtube videos to MP4's as well as separate audio files. Exports them at 1080p at the highest!!! It will decrease the ratio size if you try to download a 2 hour video. It will show you this decrease in your options.

- <https://archive.org/> Has free HIRES Download options of their huge free film archive! Lots of old stuff. Cool ppl

-Torrents: If you are not skilled in this form, you could hurt your computer. As you can tell from the examples I show in class, I would never suggest or endorse this form of cost efficient problem solving for underpaid, debt riddled students.

Advice on Problem Solving:

P: I want to dub over one video with a second video's dialogue...but it's hard to tell which videos to start with?

S: Cold war era films produced on a lower budget for mass audience, usually have long stretches of dialogue w/o extra audio effects or sound tracks. Look at films critiqued by 90's Episodes of Mystery Science Theater 3000. Due to copyright restrictions, MST3K used films in the public domain. You should be able to download the same or similar ones from the free <https://archive.org/>

Q: OMG so many film clips? What's the likelihood I may misplace one?

A: High! Having made mash-up videos with everything from ET to A Place Beyond the Pines, I have misplaced many of my trimmed video clips and audio files. Please take your time and keep films in one large project folder, with specific film or audio source folders inside. AND NAME YOUR FILES!!! Don't just keep them as random strings of numbers. It's worth it.