

Absent Assignment—Soc. 301

Class will not be meeting next week. Instead, students turn in their second critiques into the librarian by Thursday, August 7 at 2:30 and should complete the following assignments for our next class meeting, during week 15. Students can contact me via email to address any questions or concerns.

1. Visit the Museum of Contemporary Art to see the Jeff Koons exhibit.
2. Write a short analysis of the exhibit. Your analysis should focus on the following two things:
 - a. How does Koons function as a postmodernist artist? Use one of the following terms to direct your discussion: reflexivity, simulacrum, pastiche, parody.
 - b. Choose a single object from the exhibit and discuss it as a semiotic sign. Consider the object as an icon, symbol or index as well as its role as a signifying object in context and physical space of the museum.
3. Additional resources on postmodernism are available on the course materials link through the library web site. Students are encouraged to look over these materials before writing their analysis.
4. Students should prepare materials to work on their final group presentations.
5. Narrative comic strips are also due at our next class meeting.