

A&D 10100 Electronic Media Studio 1
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Written assignment (due: 09/14/09)

My favorite performance artist

Please browse through our course book: *Performance Art: From Futurism to the Present* by Rosalee Goldberg – either looking at the pictures, reading a little bit of the texts or doing both and find the work that inspires you the most. Continue to read about the work you chose and the context in which it was made (year, political situation, moment in artist's life, inspiration for artist, reference to another work). Write a short summary about the work and the artist, using the information from the textbook. Also write about why this work specifically was interesting to you.

Be careful, I ask you for your personal opinion but you need to use solid arguments to support your choice. Don't just write "I really like this work because it is awesome." But try to find out what exactly it is that makes the artwork so interesting to you. Is it because it reminds you of another work of art that you have seen somewhere else? If so, how? Does it relate in interesting ways to theories or techniques you know from other disciplines, for example engineering, health, economy, politics, science and technology? If yes, write about them! Does it raise questions that are relevant to you, too? If so what are these? Are there elements of the work you would like to criticize or that you think could be improved/changed? These are all valuable starting points to think about why you find an artwork intriguing.

Please write a short paper of 3 pages (letter size), 12 pt. Times double-spaced. Make sure to include page numbers if you quote from the book but try to keep quotations to a minimum. You may include other book resources if you wish, but please limit online resources as much as you can – use them only if you can validate their authorship and credibility and include a reference to the URL of your source.

This paper needs to be printed out and turned in as a hard copy in the beginning of our class meeting on 09/14/09.