

Review Sheet for Final Examination

Our midsemester examination will be held from 9 a.m. to noon on Thursday, 20 May 2010.

The exam will have between ten and twenty short-answer problems that draw upon readings, presentations, and discussions. In addition, a set of problems will ask you to do a new, short, reading and to reflect upon it using the techniques and lenses we have developed this semester.

Sample questions for the final are available online.

You may bring one page (8.5x11, double-sided) of hand-written notes to each examination. You must turn in the notes with each part of the exam.

As you prepare for the examination and review session, I recommend that you (1) summarize the important parts of each reading and lecture, (2) identify commonalities between readings, and (3) practice applying key points to different technologies.

For each of the readings or presentations, you might identify (a) the author's main point, in your words; (b) the author's main point, in his or her own words; (c) two secondary points from the author; (d) the author's definition of technology (implicit or explicit); and (e) a question that author would recommend you ask about a new technology that you are evaluating.

1. Readings

- Bush, As We May Think
- Billington, Bridges and the New Art of Structural Engineering
- Ceruzzi, An Unforeseen Revolution: Computers and Expectations, 1935-1985
- Dawe, Desperately seeking simplicity: how young adults with cognitive disabilities and their families adopt assistive technologies
- McGaw, No Passive Victims, No Separate Spheres: A Feminist Perspective
- Norman, *The Design of Everyday Things* on Technologies History
- Pollack, The Hybrid Media of Matthew Kluber and John Simon, Jr.
- Rothschild, From Sex to Gender in the History of Technology
- Various, Biotechnology

2. Guest Lecturers

- Case, Bridges, Concrete, and Structures
- Kluber and Simon, Technology in Art
- Rebelsky, Computers and Hypertext
- Robertson, Biotechnology
- Swartz, Solar Energy and Photovoltaics

3. Student Presentations

- Birth Control
 - Cell phones
 - Electroconvulsive therapy
 - Ethanol
 - Football helmets
 - Household appliances
 - Wired telephones
 - Wireless video game controllers
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