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"Studying the Interaction"

Remix Literacy in the Writing Classroom

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“[T]he practice of taking cultural artefacts and combining them into a new kind of creative blend.”

Buffy vs Edward (Twilight Remixed)

Over 1.5 million views since 06/19/09 & subtitled into 23 languages!



nobel 1)

Fan Fic:
MORE ADDICTIVE
THAN CRACK.
And cheaper,
too!

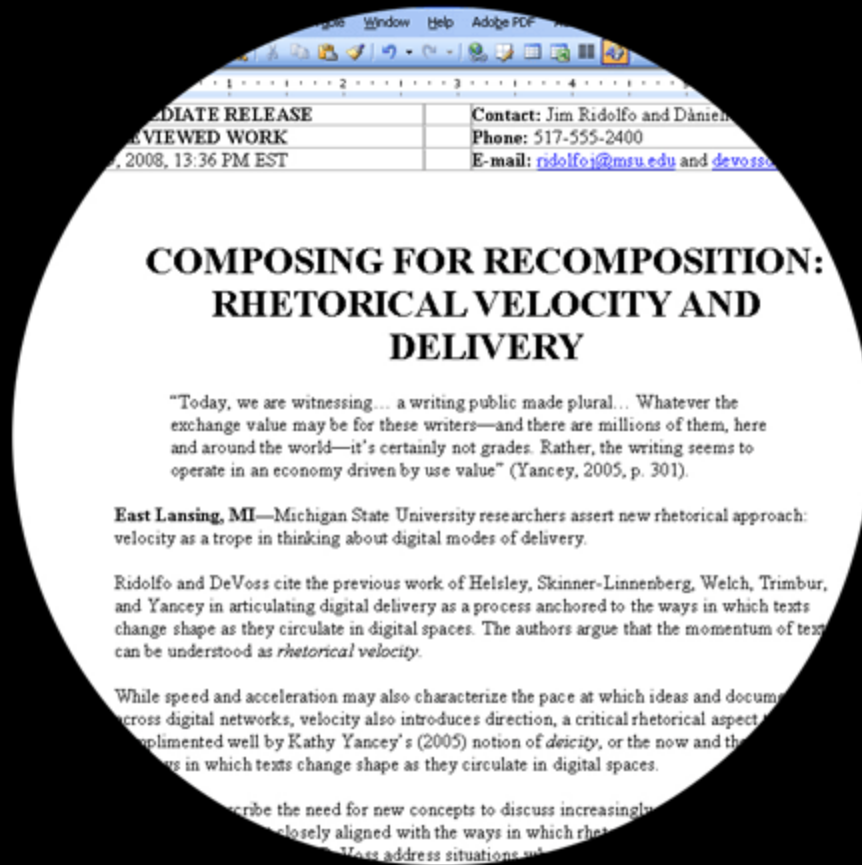


CCmixter

DOWNLOAD, SAMPLE, CUT-UP, SHARE.

Remix

“[T]he practice of taking cultural artefacts and combining them into a new kind of creation” (Lankford)



Remix

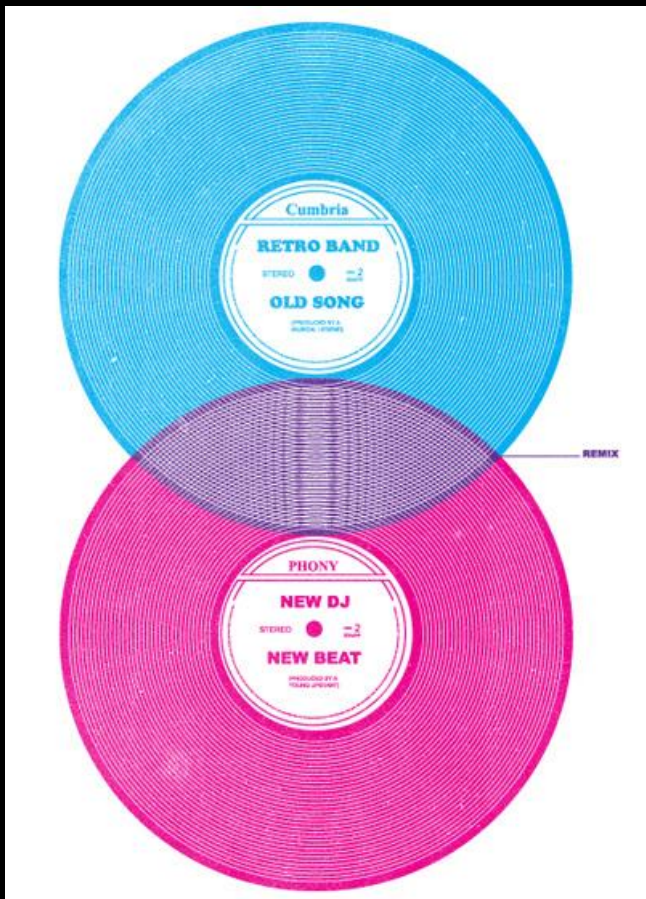
Ethical

- Knows academic conventions
- Knows IP/copyright law (including fair use)

Knowledgeable

- Knows where to get information
- Knows how to manipulate it
- Knows how to create new meanings

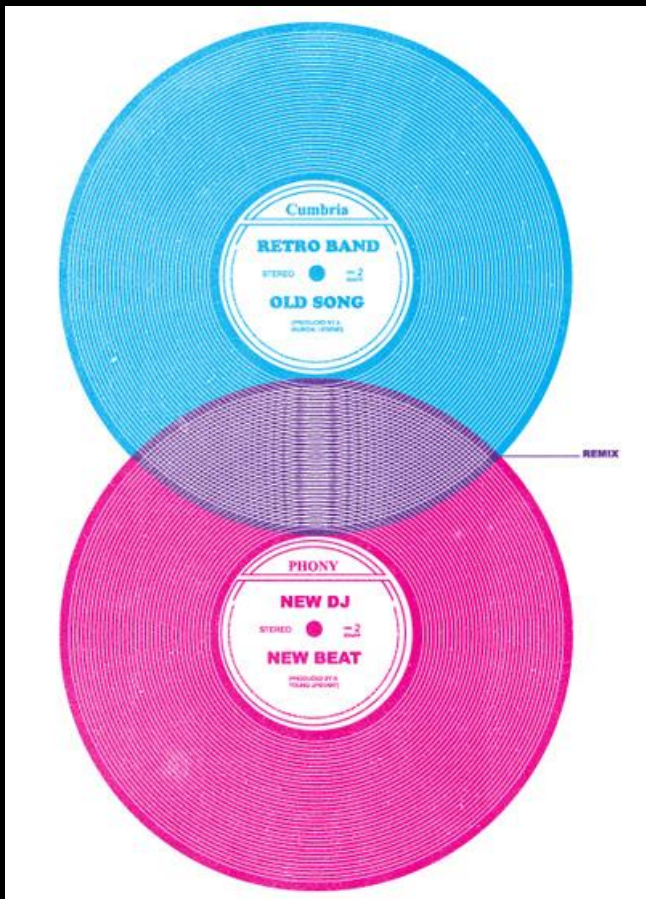
The Writing Classroom



Standard 3, Performance Indicator 3:

The information
literate
student
synthesizes
main ideas to
construct new
concepts.

ACLR Standards



Outcome C:

Utilizes computer and
other
technologies...for

studying the
interaction

of ideas and other
phenomena

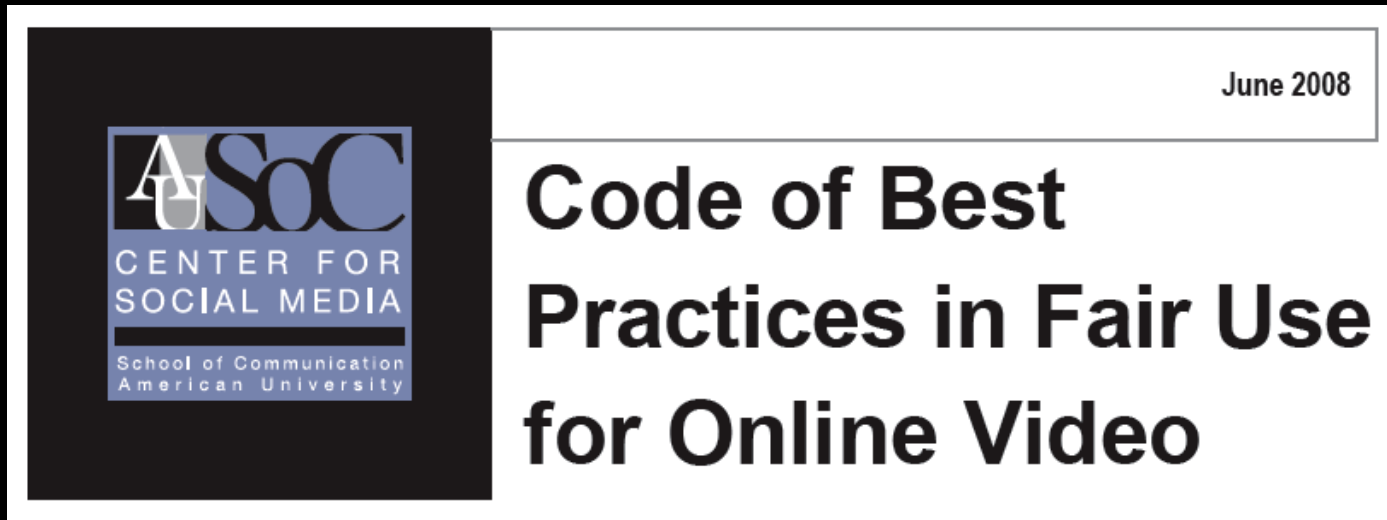
ACLR Standards

“Appropriation, with its hint of criminality, was one surprisingly popular means” of adding things to the Web 2.0 news/poetry site, *Circulars* (Stefans 87).



Explore the Danger

- The public end of the copyright spectrum
- Using your fair use



June 2008

Code of Best Practices in Fair Use for Online Video

Center for Social Media
School of Communication
American University



Explore the Danger

Abigail Derecho describes how
"early remix genres have their
origins in minority discourse;
she argues that this creativity
was a response to restriction
and scarcity among women and
blacks" (Coppa 46).

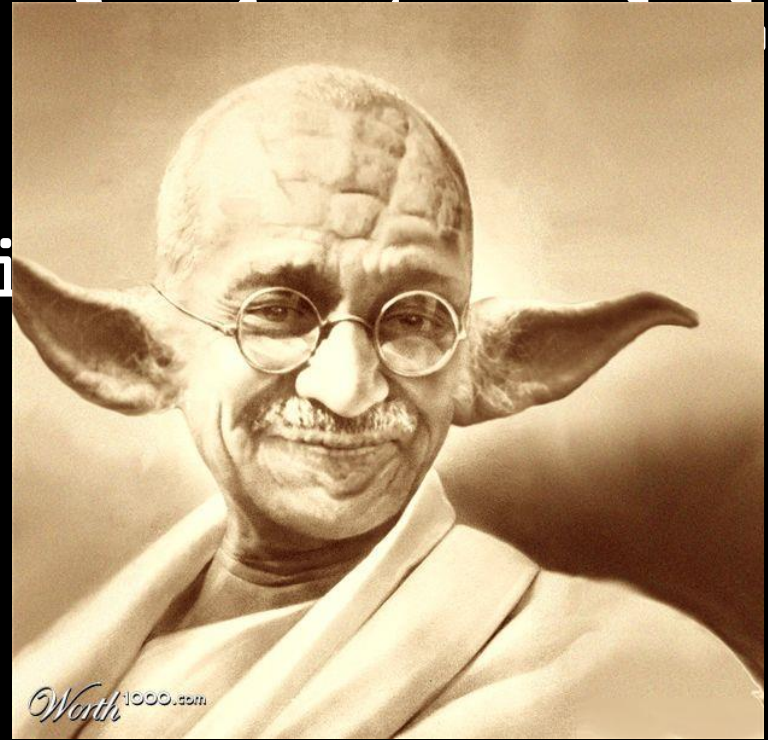


Explore the Danger

“For the poet is nearly allied
to the orator...”

Cicero, *De Oratore*, 1.16

- A remix aesthetic



Mix Rhetoric and Poetics

- “Reading” the visual, audible, etc.
- Making connections
 - Interview with remixer: he takes “sources from two different styles” to make something “exciting” (qtd. In Gunke1 497-98)
- Recognizing parody (Rife 140)



Read Differently

New Material

Sampled Sound

Sampled Sound

Borrowed Beat

Music; Sources Layered

Text; Sources Flattened

These RW media look very much like Ben's writing with text. They remix, or quote, a wide range of "texts" to produce something new. These quotes, however, happen at **different layers**. Unlike text, where the quotes follow in a single line—such as here, where the sentence explains, "and then a quote gets added"—remixed media may quote sounds over images, or video over text, or text over sounds. The quotes thus get mixed together. The mix produces the new creative work—the "remix."



Listen to Music

J: So how do you figure out
what the rules are?

C: Just play.

J: Just play? And then what
happens?

C: You just . . . play.

(Johnson-Eilola 3)



Play



SOCRATES BEFORE HIS JUDGES.

Engraved by J. Valentin, R.F.A., 1844.

All the groups I've ever seen

77 The Yachtz, Blast Furnace & the Heatwaves
 Boomtown Rats (2), The Salt, & Reggae
 Revolver, Gen X, Micky Jupp & the
 Whiffwind, Elvis Costello (2), Queen,
 The Bonanza, Strangeways, Radio
 Stars, The Young Ones, The Boy-
 Friends, Blondie, Fusion, Black
 Slate, The Fray, The 1975, The
 Buzzcocks, The Libertines, The
 Richard Hell + The Voidoids, The Innocent
 The Slits, The Clash, Hazel + the
 Unknowns, Fisher-Z, Delta-5 (3),
 The Specials, The Mekons (2),
 The Gang of Four (3), The
 Grids, The Maps, The
 Belax, Sully, Dick & Jane, The Abstract
 ions, Joy Division, The Tear Drop
 Explodes (2), Echo & the Bunnymen,
 The Flowers, The Banks, The
 Human League (2), The Pop Group (2),
 The Books, A Certain Ratio,
 Talking Heads, UB40, Schecter,
 The Bad Brains, Simple Minds (2)

80 Manifesto
 The Love, The Monarchs, The G.S.
 TODAY, BLOOD DONOR, The 4th
 ics, The Nips, Bangs, Midway, The
 English Substitutes, Clam de
 Noeuvre, Ultra-Vox, The Cheats
 This Heat, The Raincoat, The
 + the Muffins, The Only One, The
 Plan Characters, Mc Cune, + More
 + the Space Virgins, The
 Tips, The Patrick Fitzgerald
 group, The Vs, Some One +
 the Som-bodys, Count
 Vision, Mission of Burma
 Ten Pole Tudor, Sprockets, The
 Minors, The Bechmas,
 Red Beans + Rice (2), The Scars,
 Boots for Darwin, The Opposition
 X.O.P. USA, Essential Logic



Play

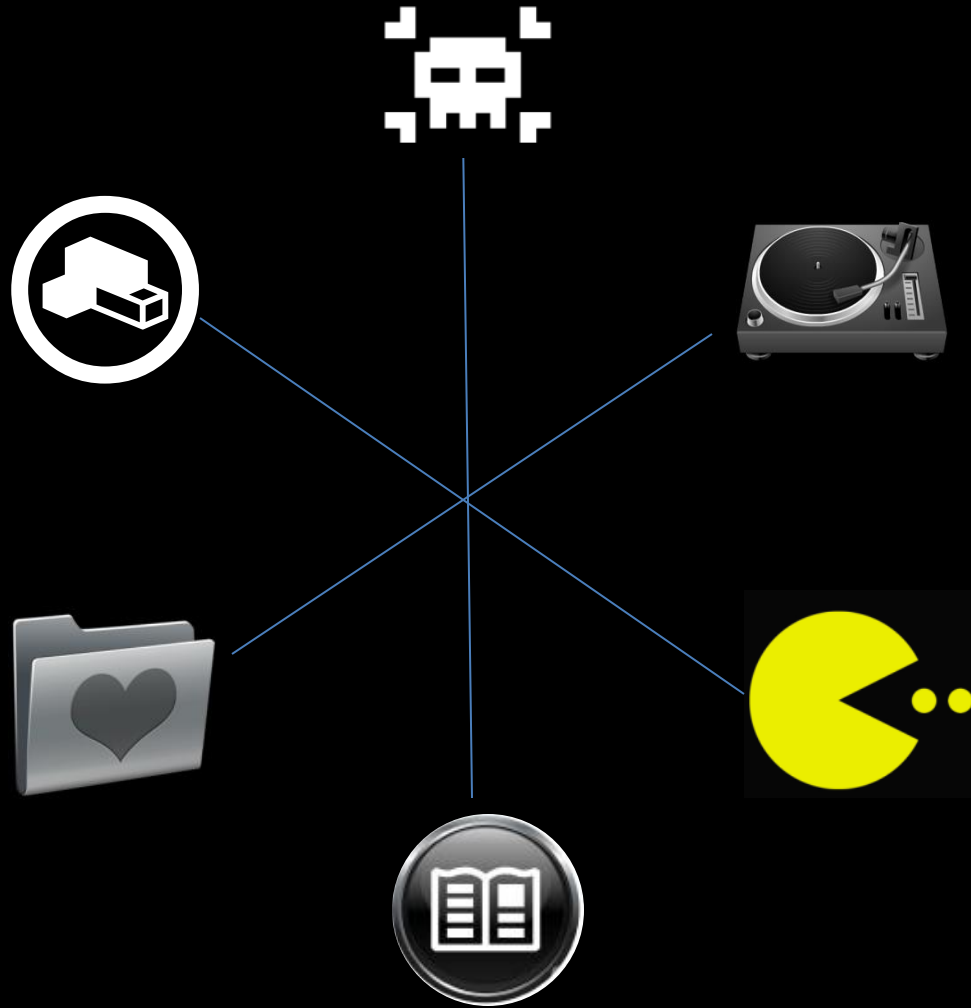
- Embracing your topic
- Knowing your technology



Figures 8–11. Images from Sterling Eidolan and the Odd Woman Out's fan vid, "Pressure" (1990), showing the vidders creating a vid.



Be Meticulous



Remix Literacy

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