

Paper #1 [3-4 pages]

DUE: Tuesday January 25th at the beginning of class

- Must be typed, double-spaced, 1" or less margins
- Must be proofread for grammatical, typographic and spelling errors.

Summarize Teresa deLauretis' essay, "The Technology of Gender". To do this, re-read the essay with an eye to answering the following questions:

In your own words, describe the following components of her argument:

1. She critiques feminism's affirmation of "sexual difference". What does she mean by "sexual difference"?
2. Why does she argue that "sexual difference" is a limited framework within which to theorize about gender?
3. What does she mean, specifically, when she writes that "gender is a representation"?
4. What does she mean when she writes that, "the construction of gender is both the product and the process of its representation"?

Try to answer these questions as completely and thoroughly as possible. DO NOT EXCESSIVELY QUOTE THE ARTICLE. You are demonstrating here that you *understand* her argument and are able to re-phrase it in your own words. If it's helpful, think of this paper as an act of translation, from a specialized language into a more common one. As with any act of translation, fidelity to the original meaning of the text across its conversion is of paramount importance [i.e. pay attention to what gets lost or added]. You may, of course, use quotes but be sure to contextualize and integrate those quotes into your own prose.