Technologies of Humanism: Text, Hypertext, Hyperrealities

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Assignment 14:

Games and Narratives

For Monday:

- 1) Read the first article by Henry Jenkins on our shared web site: "Game Design as Narrative Architecture" and post your comments to the server Discussion on "Games and Narratives"
- 2) Read the 14th and 15th letter by Friedrich Schiller (on BSCW) and post a short comment comments to the Discussion on "Games and Narratives"
- 3) Finish review of "Run Lola Run" (Assignment 10, #3) and post your text to BSCW.

For Wednesday:

4) Select a computer game, video game, or a game on another platform/medium and describe in detail:

the narrative structure

how the user can influence the narrative

game vs. playing time

the immersive experience

the relationship between narrative and game space

the "pleasure factor"

5) Prepare a ca. 10-minute presentation to our class with appropriate screenshots, visualizations, and/or structural layouts.