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Selfe, Gee, Thompson, and Johnson Group Discussion

Using the texts as guide, please answer these questions as thoroughly as you can. We will then come back to the group as a whole to discuss.

1. How is Selfe's definition of technological literacy different from the first one she references (pages 10 – 12)?
2. What does Gee mean by the term "semiotic domain"? Go to <http://twitter.com> and log in. Is this a semiotic domain?
3. What are the main differences between thin and thick tweets, as discussed by Silver? Thinking in terms of Selfe's and Gee's definition of literacy, and Thompson's and Johnson's descriptions of its use, what does it mean to become a literate Twitterer? A literate blogger?