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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 Selfe mean when she writes that "cultural values . . . are deeply 'sedimented' . . . in history and practice" (p. 12). What are the implications of such sedimentation on the cultural acceptance of new forms of literacy?
3. What does Gee mean by the term "semiotic domain"? What semiotic domains do members of your group belong to and/or interact with/in?
4. Go to <http://twitter.com> and log in. Is this a semiotic domain? 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?