Lecture 9: The Postmodernist Perspective
Notes

Essential Question: How does the Postmodernist Perspective challenge the very nature of academic research?

Why is Postmodernism so difficult to define?

What is the definition given in the video?

What is a Paradigm?

What are Characteristics of Modernism?
1.
2.
3.

How did the following lead to a rejection of rationalism and modernism?
World War I
The 1920's
The Great Depression
World War II
The Atomic Bomb

How did the Frankfurt School change how we looked at the world?

What were some factors that shaped the Postmodern World?
1.
2.
3.
4.

What has been the influence of these factors on social consensus and values?

What is the Postmodernist understanding of reality and truth?

What is a Narrative?

What is the central premise of Postmodernism?

How do Postmodernist examine society?

Michel Foucault
    What is Post-Structuralism
    Why is Discourse important?
    Explain Foucault's concept of Archaeology
        Madness and Civilization:
            How did discourses of madness change
            How does discourses of madness relate
                to power
    Explain Foucault's concept of Geneology
        Discipline and Punish
            How did the power of the state change

What is Panopticism?
What is Power/Knowledge?
What is Governmentality?
In what ways was Foucault's Theories postmodern

Jean Baudrillard
    What was Baudrillard interested in?
    How has consumerism influenced culture and symbols?
    What is commodified culture?
    How did reality break down according to Baudrillard
        1.
        2.
        3.
        4.
    Define the following
        Simulation
        Simulacra
        Hyper-reality
    How do these concepts influence our lives?
    What is the death of the subject?

Judith Butler
    What is a heterosexual matrix?
        How does this influence our concept of gender
    How does Performativity describe gender?

What is the underlying goal of postmodernism?

What are some strengths of the Postmodernist Perspective?
1.
2.
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What are some weaknesses of the Postmodernist Perspective?
1.
2.
3.

Write a summary of your notes by answering the Essential Question