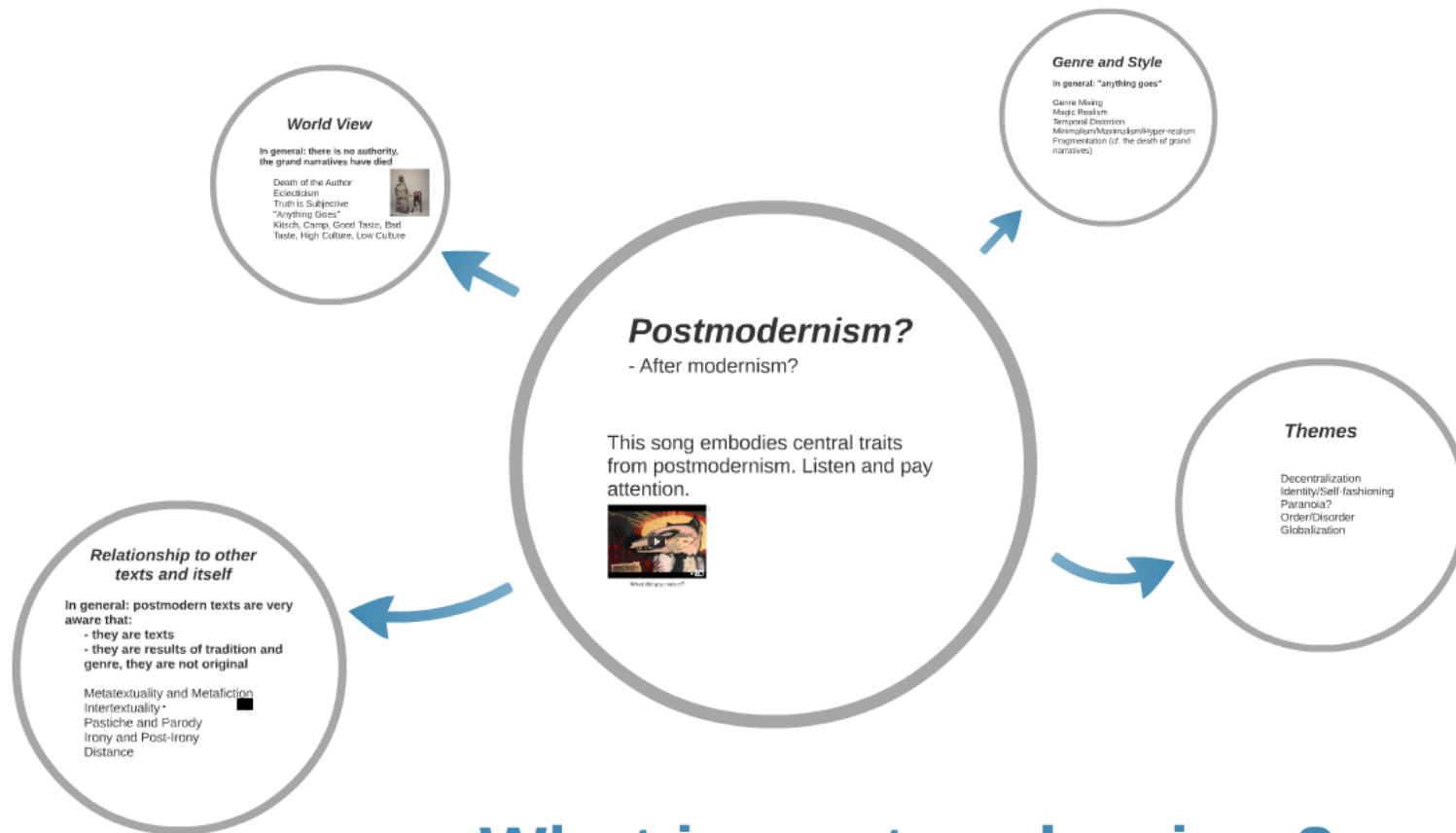


What is postmodernism?



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Postmodernism?

- After modernism?

This song embodies central traits from postmodernism. Listen and pay attention.



What did you notice?





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Andrew Jackson Jihad: "Distance" (from *Knife Man*, 2011)

The first month after you left
I drank and jerked off 'til I slept
I went to work when I had to
And then came home

Pastiche of love song?
Parody?
Aware of textuality
Black humour & distance

I fed the dog when I had to
I fed myself when I had to
Went out of town when I had to
And then came home

Chorus:

And I know this won't last forever
But goddammit it feels like forever

Since we've been together ← intertextual reference to Al Green, Tina Turner et al
'Til we'll be together again

The second month after you left
I still felt real depressed
But I've got plenty of other things
To spend my time on

← Irony and distance

I hate whiny fucking songs like this
But I can't afford a therapist
Sorry guys
Here's a solo

← metatextuality & ironic distance

← parody?

And it's harder to be yourself
Than it is to be anybody else
I wish I was someone closer to you

← ironic implications

← identity theme

(chorus)

Woo!

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World View

**In general: there is no authority,
the grand narratives have died**

Death of the Author

Eclecticism

Truth is Subjective

"Anything Goes"

Kitsch, Camp, Good Taste, Bad
Taste, High Culture, Low Culture





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Relationship to other texts and itself

In general: postmodern texts are very aware that:

- they are texts**
- they are results of tradition and genre, they are not original**

Metatextuality and Metafiction

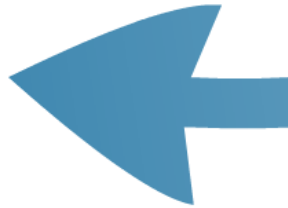
Intertextuality ·



Pastiche and Parody

Irony and Post-Irony

Distance



Metafiction



Stranger than Fiction (2006)

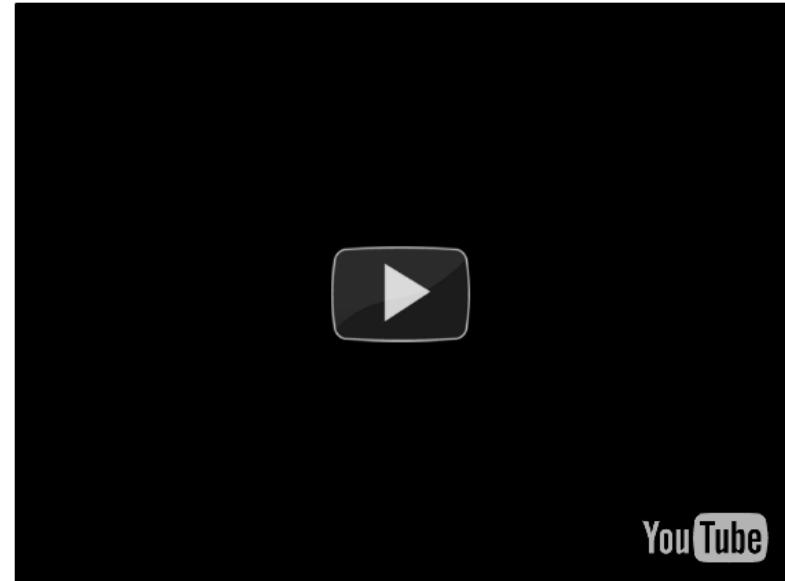
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Intertextuality:

Snow White (1950) *Shrek* (2001)







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Genre and Style

In general: "anything goes"

Genre Mixing

Magic Realism

Temporal Distortion

Minimalism/Maximalism/Hyper-realism

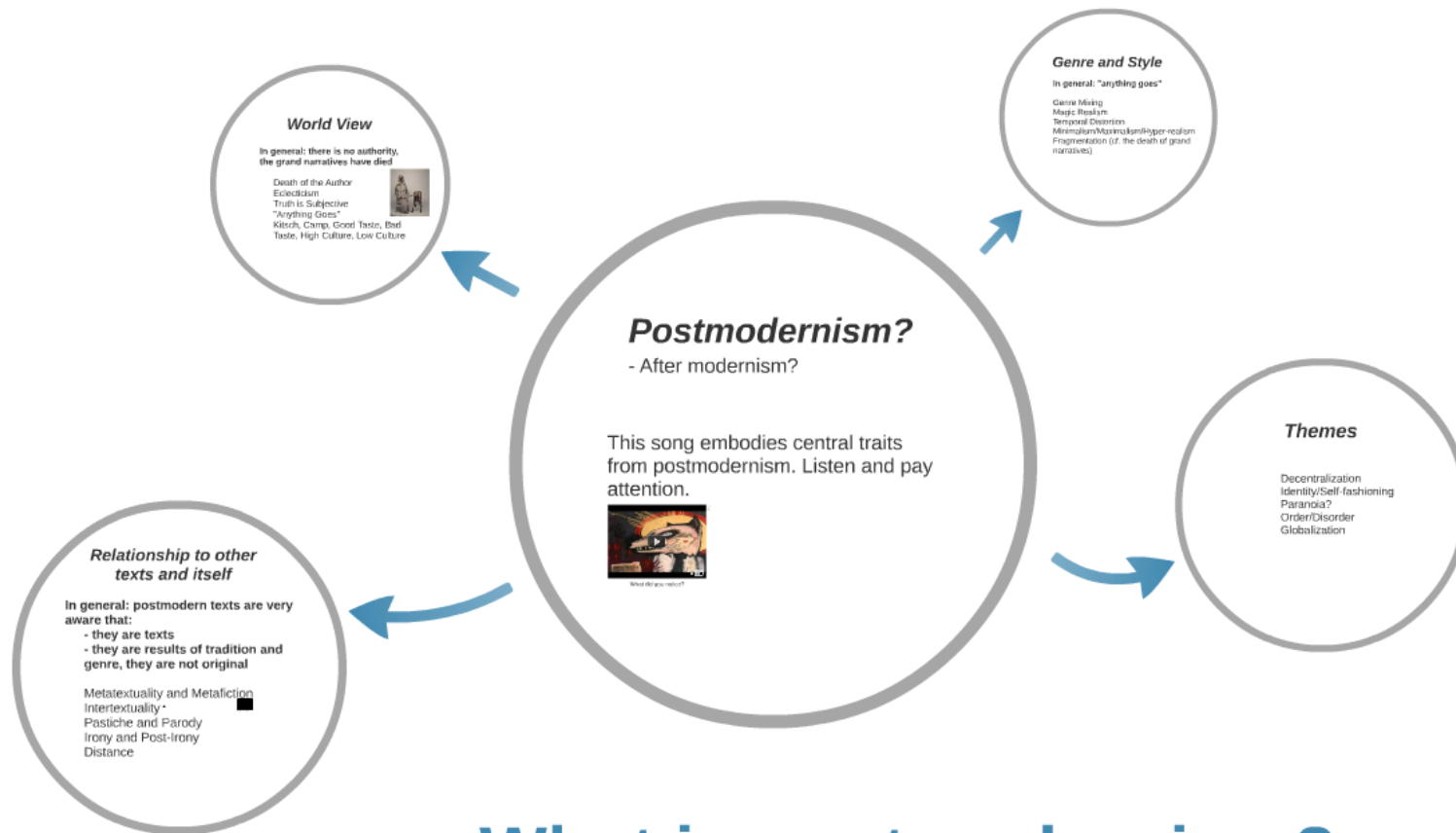
Fragmentation (cf. the death of grand narratives)



Themes

Decentralization
Identity/Self-fashioning
Paranoia?
Order/Disorder
Globalization





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