

9 the screen



*When we were replete
Satiated
Oh we were longing and we found lightness
Lighter than bone
Lighter than breath
Flying through a thousand screens
Flying, freewheeling into a blue light dream
The alchemical dream of me
P P P P P P P P
People of a thousand faces
P P P P P P P P
People of a thousand graces*

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task one

Research

Consider objects in the MoDiP exhibition Being Me from the point of view of creating identity.

<https://www.modip.ac.uk/exhibitions/being-me-plastics-and-body>

Can you find any examples in this exhibition that can help a person feel positively about themselves?
Can you think of any examples of items which may make people feel negatively about themselves?

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Plastics were the first materials able to adopt any form, something we take for granted these days. They moved us into a synthetic world, beyond nature. The Digital Age has the same trajectory, moving ever beyond nature, maybe even to evolving beyond homo sapiens. New technologies have given us ways of constructing our identities in a similar fashion: we are able to mould and transform ourselves.

task two

Discussion

As we become more familiar with using photo editing software to refine our features, ideals of beauty are developing and becoming more 'plastic'.

Read this research paper on the ideal face

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC3786677/>

Are there any ways that facial morphing software is influencing our decision-making that you know of?

Have a look at this journal article for an interesting study on Face Morphing

<https://link.springer.com/article/10.1186/s41235-019-0181-4>

Discuss your ideas about evolving ideals of beauty with your class.



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task three

This chapter presents the idea that the lightness of plastics can be taken to extremes as a metaphor for the plastic personality divorced from body into screen.

Here is how you can make a hologram using an empty drinks bottle.

[youtube.com/watch?v=8OPhsXvRjSQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8OPhsXvRjSQ)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J3HZN-kDIyo&feature=emb_logo

Provided is a video file you can use on your mobile phone screen with your drinks bottle hologram projector. You can use the instructions on this link to edit your own video to become a hologram, you can even make one in PowerPoint if you do not have video editing software similar to this example:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BSGDJeI2vEU>

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example
MP4 here

