

Synthesis Assignment



You've now been given several definitions of "agency." One came from philosopher Maria Lugones, one from philosopher Lori Gruen, one from Karl Marx, and one from scholar Nick Sousanis, who synthesizes the arguments of philosophers Bruno Latour and Michael Foucault. You've done a "dialectical notebook" in which you wrote back to the Lugones, Gruen, and Marx. Now, in 1 - 2 double-spaced pages in 12-point font, please put at least the first three sources into conversation with each other. Where do they agree with each other? Where do they disagree? Finally, give us your own opinion, as a response to the previous thinkers. Who do you agree with and why and who do you disagree with and why? To what extent do we have agency and where do we draw it from? As you do so, recognize that you're joining one of the longest-running conversations in the world. Philosophers have debated the extent to which we have free will for thousands of years.