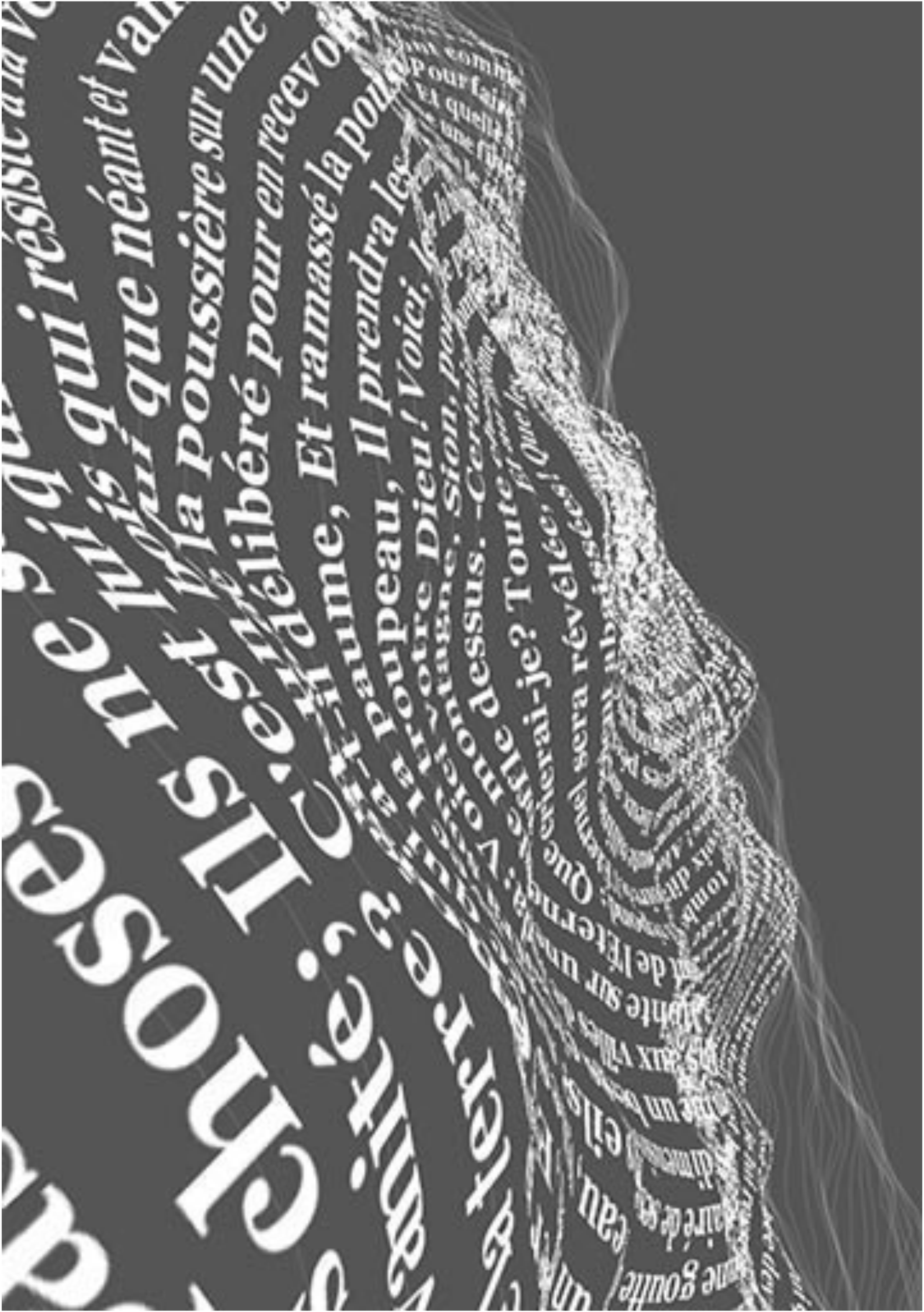

Structuralism

French structuralism

What Is Linguistic Structuralism?

- **French structuralism** stood in stark contrast with humanism at the time – the philosophical camp that celebrates agency and free will.
- This version of structuralism argued that elements of culture should be understood in terms of its relationship to a larger “structure.”
- Language is a system of signs, which are arbitrary and perpetuated by convention.

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