Intertextuality! – Readings for Tues., Nov. 29th

The theme for this class meeting is “intertextuality”. The best introduction I can find to the concept is the Wikipedia page on it. So start your reading for today with that.

Here it is:

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Intertextuality>

Below are a selection of texts that draw on *Calvin and Hobbes* in some way. Your goal in reading them is to look for something more to say than “Wow, that’s clever (or dumb)!” The Wikipedia page notes, “These references are made to influence the reader and add layers of depth to a text, based on the readers' prior knowledge and understanding.” So how do the items below do that? Or do they do that at all? Are there some that fit the idea of intertextuality and others that do not?

Here are the texts I’m providing. Check them out.

“*Lio* versus *Calvin*: Freudian funnies” by Kristian Williams

<http://classic.tcj.com/strips/lio-versus-calvin-freudian-funnies/>

Some Donald and Hobbes strips

<http://imgur.com/gallery/nw9TX>

Zen Pencils blog post, words from Watterson’s 1990 Kenyon College commencement speech

<http://zenpencils.com/comic/128-bill-watterson-a-cartoonists-advice/>

Hobbes and Bacon, by Pants are Overrated

<http://imgur.com/gallery/tUzAL>

Calvin and Hobbes/Star Wars mashups, by Brian Kesinger – there are 15 shown with this article

<http://www.escapistmagazine.com/news/view/166312-Artist-Brian-Kesinger-Draws-Star-Wars-Characters-in-Calvin-and-Hobbes-Style#&gid=gallery_5648&pid=1>

Hobbes & me playlist on YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sx68TPu4dCk&list=PL9CWTsG3tw1qKs5CbvRScKjCYmYzYAV_v>

Finally, each of you is able to add one thing to this list if you like. If you know of or run across something you’d like all of us to read before class on Tuesday morning, post a link on the fb group page. If you get it posted by noon Monday I’ll compile the links and send them out to everyone.