

MALfunctions

Prompts for Adventures in the Media Archaeology Lab

Incorporating social, creative, and hands-on elements, these nine prompts are designed as brief exercises to encourage exploration of the MAL in the spirit of adventure and disobedience.

Be prepared to interact with lab spaces, objects, and other visitors in strange and curious ways.



DRAW or **PHOTOGRAPH**

another visitor in the Lab as they consider a specific medial object.

FLASH your simulacrum in their peripheral vision.



USE a piece of technology in a manner that it was certainly not designed for.

EXHIBIT your new found talent to the person standing closest to you.



DANCE out a strong emotion you are feeling in the Lab.

WOW your human and machinic audience.



INVENT a narrative about a specific piece of media.

SHOCK your classmate with this wild tale of deviance and debauchery.



DESIGN and **RECORD** a creative piece composed of physical materials or binary code.

POST ART. this to social media labeled



PLAY a game of charades based on objects within the Lab.

EMBARRASS your friends when you win like a baller.



PRETEND you are on a first date with an object in the Lab.

LIST its attractions and imperfections.

HIDE this list on or near your potential partner. Optional:

TAKE an awkward selfie during your date and post to social media.



COMPOSE a cacophony of sound in the Lab using medial affordances in an imaginative manner.

INVIGORATE your colleagues in the neighboring Math building by playing this as loudly as possible.



BUILD a piece of working technology in the Lab using spare objects from the side room. Use this exquisite masterpiece to

CONQUER the world.



