

Words and Things

~~Les Mots et les Choses~~: A De-Re-Sub-Post-Construction
of Rhizomatic and Non-Arborescent Stratum in Deleuze
and Guattari's *A Thousand Plateaus*

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Abstract:

This project aims to investigate the structural patterns present in A Thousand Plateaus by Gilles Deleuze and Felix Guattari. This is done by linearly representing the frequencies of key words and concepts present in the text. First, a broad, section by section examination of ten key concepts which are present throughout the work is performed, followed by three inquiries into the authors' use of masculine and feminine pronouns, commonly used words, and moralistic language.

The analysis was performed in the computer language of Python version 2.5, using some code from the Standard Library and the Natural Language Toolkit. Text was scanned from eighth printing of the University of Minnesota Press version, translated by Brian Massumi. ScanSoft OmniPage Pro 15 was used for Optical Character Recognition, and Microsoft Word 2003 was used to transform the text into one suitable for such an analysis. Adobe Photoshop CS2 was used to transform and enhance the images created in Python.

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1. Rhizome: Introduction

	form
	language
	strata
	sign
	expression
	line
	multiplicity
	machine
	detrterritorialization
	rhizome

2. 1914: One or Several Wolves?

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3. 10,000 B.C.: The Geology of Morals (Who Does the Earth Think It Is?)

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4. November 20, 1923: Postulates of Linguistics

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5.587 B.C.- A.D. 70: On Several Regimes of Signs

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6. November 28, 1947: How Do You Make Yourself a Body Without Organs?

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7. Year Zero: Faciality

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8. 1874: Three Novellas, or "What Happened?"

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11. 1837: Of the Refrain

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13. 7000 B.C.: Apparatus of Capture

	form
	language
	strata
	sign
	expression
	line
	multiplicity
	machine
	deterritorialization
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14. 1440: The Smooth and the Striated

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15. Conclusion: Concrete Rules and Abstract Machines

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Comprehensive Analysis

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Common Words

[REDACTED]	the
[REDACTED]	a
[REDACTED]	of
[REDACTED]	to
[REDACTED]	in
[REDACTED]	and

Morality and Passion

A horizontal bar divided into many small rectangular segments, some of which contain vertical lines.	love
A horizontal bar divided into many small rectangular segments, some of which contain vertical lines.	hate
A horizontal bar divided into many small rectangular segments, some of which contain vertical lines.	good
A horizontal bar divided into many small rectangular segments, some of which contain vertical lines.	evil