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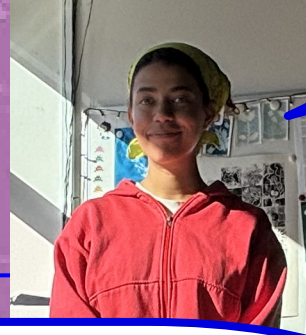
I'm Marie



I'm Mia



I'm Hanna



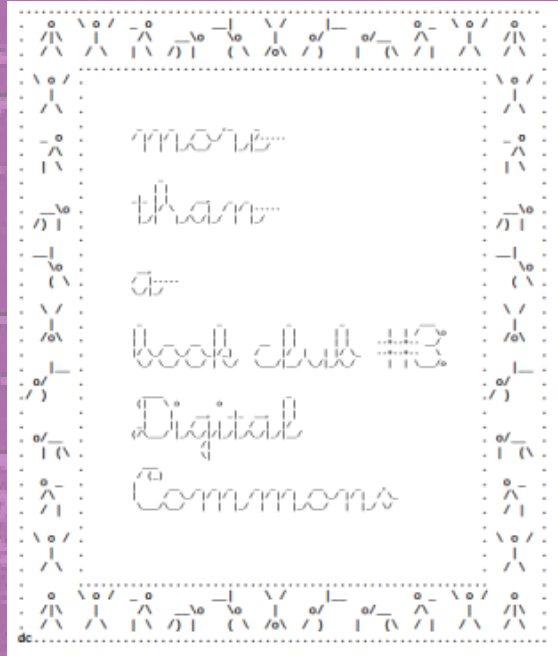
Hi! Nice to meet you!

I'm Bille



Time to
introduce yourself!

1. Name + pronouns
2. What brought you here today?



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What are
“commons”?

commons

- pool of resources (tangible/ intangible **goods**)
- communities, set of **commoners** who create and sustain the resources
- **commoning**, the social process that creates and reproduces the commons (people taking things in their own hands)

source:

Massimo de Angelis (2011), *On the Commons: A Public Interview with Massimo De Angelis and Stavros Stavrides* by AnArchitektur.
<http://www.e-flux.com/journal/on-the-commons-a-public-interview-with-massimo-de-angelis-and-stavros-stavrides/>



What are
“commons”?
(england/historically)

- land on which anybody could
grow food, graze cattle, sleep, eat, draw water,
Chop wood, or revel.²

- a transferal of the right to use land from the many to the few
- before enclosure:
 - “Historians estimate that [peasants] worked about half the days of the year”...
 - “which did not lend itself to economic growth.”
- an act of economic planning to maximize productivity²

What is enclosure?

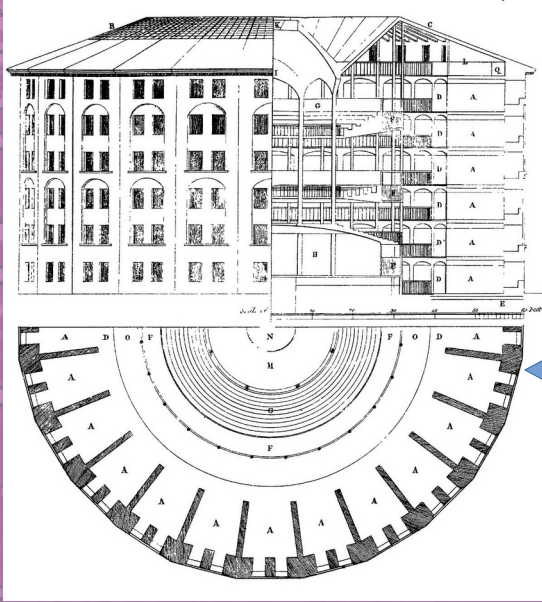


Figure 1: a theoretical medieval manor, with strip farming and commons marked

What was
the effect?

- The British Empire replicated this economic strategy across the world
- “Some historians laud it as one of history’s **greatest steps towards economic efficiency and liberal freedom;** others lament it as one of history’s **most egregious and destructive instances of class-based injustice.**”²

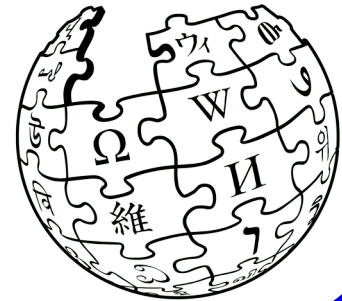


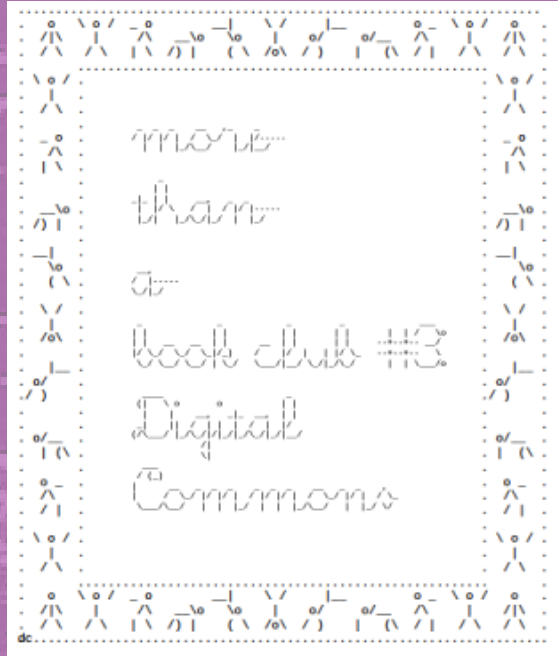


What about the digital?

- digital enclosure:
surveillance capitalism
and the colonialization of cyberspace

- digital commons and commoning:
discuss in groups!





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- Make sure your group has a flyer
- Spread out in ETHOS Lab and hallway
- Go over the “Discuss” section together
- Take a break to stretch your legs
- Find an action point each from the “Act” section
- Return