DISCUSSION #2

DEADLINES:
MUST HAVE PARTICIPATED AT LEAST ONCE BY Friday, Feb.19th at 11pm (CST)
ADDITIONAL PARTICIPATION DUE BY Friday, Feb. 26th at 11pm (CST)

Your text discusses the Actor in Ch. #3.

Below you will find a quote from actor Jeremy Brett (Freddie in the movie of “My Fair Lady” but most famous for his portrayal of Sherlock Holmes for BBC TV, learn more about him at http://www.imdb.com/name/nm0107950/)

In the quote below Jeremy Brett offers his rather strong opinion of the purposes actors serve in society. You certainly don’t have to agree or disagree with him but in this next discussion I’d like to hear what your opinions are about what actors do for society. Why do people seem to be obsessed with "stars”? What makes today’s hottest movie stars household names? What is it that acting and actors create for our society? How do you view the roles of actors in our society?

“Actors ennoble us. They provide the mirror, which is held up to nature to reveal the human beast in all its manifestations and all its dilemmas. They explore the human condition so that, with the aid of their diabolical collaborators, the writers, they reveal the meaning, the futility and the beauty of life. We understand why we are what we are because of actors. We can do without politicians. We can do without soldiers. We can do without businessmen. We can do without so many of the supposedly important cogs in the machine of life. But we cannot do without actors. Because without them, we would not know ourselves.” –Jeremy Brett (quoted by David Stuart Davies (Bending the Willow, Calabash Press, 2002)

There are many questions being asked above. Be sure to evaluate each part of the prompt in order to give depth and meaning to your exploration. We expect to see your own answers to these questions in an initial posting.

Discussion forums are a chance to interact with your fellow students and instructors through a threaded, ongoing discussion. A successful grade on a discussion will be determined by:

1. The quality and depth of your postings
2. Interactions with more than one idea
3. Full and complete addressing of all questions asked in the prompt
4. Interaction with others’ posts
5. The number of submissions throughout the discussion period. Making several posts on the final day will have a negative impact on your grade.
Simply writing, "I agree with you" is NOT an example of a quality submission! Students participating with meaningful and complete postings at least 4 or 5 times throughout the forum have met with the most success.