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How do we characterize the postmodern flaneur or city walker? How about postmodern author as flaneur? In the midst of the crowd, the individual is bombarded by a plethora of unassimilable stimuli" MM The heroism of modernity as endurance and as impotent rage takes the form of self-deception the flaneur, the gambler and self-negation the prostitute, the worker and the ragpicker. For B, the ultimate hero of modernity is the figure who seeks to give voice to its paradoxes and illusions, who participates in, while yet still retaining the capacity to give form to, the fragmented, fleeting experiences of the modern. This individual is the poet. His passion and profession are to become one flesh with the crowd. For the perfect flaneur, for the passionate spectator, it is an immense job to set up house in the middle of the multitude, amid the ebb and flow of movement, in the midst of the fugitive and the infinite" Indeed, for Benjamin there exists a particular elective affinity between the concept of allegory and the commodity form" MM The commodity is the modern embodiment of the allegorical. With its emphasis upon exchange- and exhibition-value, the commodity is devoid of substance. Its fate in within the cycle of production and the contingencies of fashion is to become out of date, old-fashioned, obsolete" MM The crowd CB pp. Hugo placed himself in the crowd as a citizen, B sundered himself from it as a hero" 66 -- "If he succumbed to the force by which he was drawn to them and, as a flaneur, was made one of them, he was nevertheless unable to rid himself of a sense of their essentially inhuman make-up. He becomes their accomplice even as he dissociate himself from them. The metropolitan crowd emerges in a new light: The concept of the mass appears as the afterlife of the dreaming collectivity and the crowd. Benjamin replaces the rather simplistic affirmation of the radical potential of the dormant urban population which characterized his initial formulation in the *Passagenarbeit* with, some ten years later, an equally one-dimensional denunciation of it. The dreaming collectivity has become the nightmare of the mob" MM CB 97 "Flaneur, apache, dandy and the rag-picker were so many roles to him. For the modern hero is no hero; he acts heroes. For Benjamin, the distinctive heroism of the flaneur, whether poet or not, resides precisely in his refusal to become part of the crowd. Benjamin proposes that the hollowness of the commodity form and, indeed, the hollowness of the egoistic individuals of capitalism is reflected in the flaneur. Flanerie is a desperate attempt to fill the emptiness even though it is actually a resignation to it. Chris Jenks The flaneur, though grounded in everyday life, is an analytic form, a narrative device, an attitude towards knowledge and its social context. It is an image of movement through the social space of modernity. The flaneur is a multilayered palimpsest that enables us to move from real products of modernity, like commodification and leisured patriarchy, through the practical organization of space and its negotiation by inhabitants of a city, to a critical appreciation of the state of modernity and its erosion into the post- , and onwards to a reflexive understanding of the function, and purpose, of realist as opposed to hermeneutic epistemologies in the appreciation of those previous formations. The wry and sardonic potential built reflexively into the flaneur enables resistance to the commodity form and also penetration into its mode of justification, precisely through its unerring scrutiny. The march of modernity is checked by the Nietzschean dance of the flaneur. In addition, the sedentary mannerism of the flaneur: Walter Benjamin and the City, Cambridge: A lyric poet in the era of high capitalism. *The History and Practice of the Flaneur.*

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