In this assignment, you will participate in a Turing Test, an experiment proposed by Alan Turing to determine whether a computer program is intelligent.

1. **Start Internet Explorer and visit the following web page:**
   http://www.turinghub.com/

2. **Click where it says “Take the Turing test.”** A new window will pop-up, consisting of a gray area and a text box. Enter a greeting in the text box, and click “Send.”

3. **Have a brief (about 5 minute) conversation with whomever responds.** Don’t try to be tricky by using philosophical jargon or questions about very recent events. Just use a simple conversational tone, as you would use with your friends in instant messaging. However, avoid abbreviations or slang that a machine may not know about. Also, change topics a few times during your conversation.

4. **As the conversation proceeds, select and copy the text with your mouse, and paste it into a document file.** It’s important to do this during the conversation, because the text will continually scroll out of view and you’ll need it later.

5. **After the conversation is over, click “Rate The Chat” and answer the poll.**

6. **Print out a copy of the conversation and also your answer to the poll.** On it, mark any place where you thought it was obvious that your conversation partner was a machine. Bring the printout to class on 5/3.

7. **Go to http://www.turinghub.com/about.html to learn more about the experiment you just participated in.**

8. **If you have technical difficulties, have a look at http://www.turinghub.com/technical.html.**

9. **Read the Searle article (handout / see course web under readings).**

10. **Write a blog entry in the course blog on the subject “Can machines think?”**