Assignment 1

You don't have to turn in this assignment in writing, just think about the questions I ask below and be prepared to discuss them during the lecture 14/2.

Imagine that you have become friends with an alien with no deeper knowledge about human culture or how we function. This alien has been invited to a birthday party and needs some tips on how to behave. (Yes, I know, it might not be the most realistic of exercises, but bear with me). Try to think of what it might need to know in order to understand the following:

Why do we have parties? How do they make people feel?

Why do we give gifts? What is their purpose?

Why are gifts gift-wrapped?