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* 1. Biological / Physical Anthropology

Explore and interact on the American Association of Physical Anthropologists Website.

2.1b Evolution:

**Darwin:** (Read excerpt from Wikibooks “Pre-Darwinian and Darwinian Thoughts on Evolution”)

(Read excerpt & follow links from Introduction to Physical Anthropology, Arnie Schoenberg)

**Genetics:** (Read about Genetics, Gregor Mendel from Wikibooks “Biology, Answering the Big Questions of Life” and Introduction to Physical Anthropology, Arnie Schoenberg)

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**Evolution:** Explore and Interact on Evolution website from Encyclopedia of Life.

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**Race: Culture or Evolution:** (Read Evans, Tracy Cultural Anthropology “Chapter 6: Deconstructing Race” Lumen Publishing: 2017.)

Deconstructing Race and Racism

Human Adaptations (Bergmann’s Rule, Allen’s Rule)

Skin Color and UV Index

Ethnicity and Race

Social Constructions of Race

\*Explore American Anthropological Association “Understanding Race.”

2.1c Primate Studies’

Contemporary Primates (Read excerpt from Wikibooks “Introduction to Paleoanthropology”)

The Classification System

The Primate Order

Species

Primate Characteristics

Primate Sense Organs

The Primate Brain

Primate Teeth

Primate Skeleton

Types of Living Primates:

Prosimians (Lemurs, Lorises, \*Tarsiers)

Take a look at a Tarsier eating a grasshopper.

Simians/Anthropoids (Monkeys, Apes & Humans, Orangatan, Gorillas, Common Chimpanzees, Bonobos)

If you are curious, watch a video about Jane Goodall

Watch a video about Primate evolution from NOVA

Be familiar with 5 families of primate and Strepsirrhines, Haplorrhine, Platyrhines, Catarrhines.

Primate Taxonomy: Watch short 5 minute video by Kern & Kern, 2011.

Sexual Dimorphism

K-selection, r-selection

Paleoanthropology (Source Introduction to Physical Anthropology, Arnie Shoenberg)

Trends

Bipedalism

Encephalization

Culture/Tools

Language

Dentition

Methods

Taphonomy

Fossils (Dating)

Early Humankind

(Read Source Wikibooks “Introduction to Paleoanthropology”)

What makes a primate human?

Primate Social Behavior (The Group, Dominance, Aggression, Individual interaction, Play, Communication, Home Range, Tool Use)

Primates and human evolution

Primate Fossils

Rise of the Primates (Eocene primates, Oligocene Primates, Miocene Primates)

Australopithecines

(Read Introduction to Physical Anthropology, Arnie Schoenberg)

Taxonomy

Pre-australopitecines

australopitheseines (gracile, robust)

Early Genus Homo

Read Introduction to Physical Anthropology, Arnie Schoenberg)

Early Genus Homo

Homo Habilis

Homo erectus (Africa, Asia, Europe)

Dmanisi hominids

Homo Erectus

(Read Introduction to Physical Anthropology, Arnie Schoenberg)

Neandertal

(Read Introduction to Physical Anthropology, Arnie Schoenberg)

Neandertal

Neandertals in popular culture

Anatomically Modern Homo Sapians

(Read & follow links Introduction to Physical Anthropology, Arnie Schoenberg)

Out of Africa vs. Regional Continuity Model

Evolution and Culture – Tool Industries:

(Read Wikieducator “Biological Anthropology”)

Stone Tools:

Osteodontokeratic Culture

Oldowan Tool Industry

Acheulean Tool Industry

Mousterian Tool Industry

Upper Paleolithic Tool Industry

Explore and Interact of Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History website their online display of fossils.

Watch a short video (5:41) “Stone Tool Technology of Our Human Ancestors – HHMI BioInteractive Video.” (A film by Rob Whittlesey, presented and narrated by Sean B. Caroll, Science advisor Timothy White, Camera by Andy Shillabeer, 2015)

Explore and Interact of Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History website their online display of tools.

Upper Paleolithic revolution

(Read & follow links from Introduction to Physical Anthropology, Arnie Shoenberg)

Forensic Anthropology:

(Explore and interact on Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History)

2.2 Archeological Anthropology

Explore the “Society for American Archaeology”

Read section “What is Archaeology”

Look at FAQs

2.2a methods

Read and follow links : Source Society for American Archaeology: Archaeology for Educators: “Methods of Gathering Data”

Methods for Gathering Data

*Historical Research Techniques* (Archival Research, Oral History)

*In the Field* (Tools of the Trade, How do we find sites?, Surface Surveys, Shovel Test Pits, Geophysical Surveys, Evaluating Site Significance).

*Data Recovery* ( Research Design, Gridding the Site, Excavating a Unit, Stratigraphy)

*In the Lab (*How Old is it? Analyzing Artifacts*,* Analyzing Features).

*Resources* ( Historical Research Techniques, In the Field, Data Recovery, How old is it?, Analyzing Artifacts, Analyzing Features)

2.2b Example of a fieldsite

Explore and interact Dr. Samuel V. Connell’s fieldsite in Belize. Look at the student blogs about their field experiences.

Read Dr. Connell’s online article about fieldschools.

2.3 Linguistic Anthropology

Explore the Society for Linguistic Anthropology website. What is Linguistic Anthropology?

Watch a short (5:51) video showing how Linguistic anthropologist gather data. “Language Documentation in Ambrym” to see how Linguistic anthropologists gather data (Kilu von Prince).

Watch/Listen to a TED talk“The science of analyzing conversations, second by second” where Elizabeth Stokoe shows how to analyze conversations (19:23).

Read section on “Language” from Cultural Anthropology, Tracy Evans.

Linguistic Anthropology:

Edward Sapir

Language (Communication System, Call System, Grammar, Morpheme, Phoneme)

Focal Vocabularies (Lexicon, Semantics, Ethnosemantics)

Non-Verbal Communication (Body language, Proxemics)

Models of Language and Culture (Sapir-Whorf Hypothesis, Linguistic Determinism, Sociolinguistics, pidgin language, Creole languages, Regional Dialects, Gender,)

Human Language Families Map

2.4 Cultural Anthropology

Explore and interact the Society for Cultural Anthropology Website, look at “hot spots” section to see current issues and topics.

Read about Methodology (Evans, Tracy Cultural Anthropology “Chapter 4: Methods” Lumen Publishing: 2017. (Candela Open Courses))

Ethnography

Participant Observaton

Interviews, Conversation

Informant

Genealogical Method

Life Histories

Interpretive Anthropology (Ethnographic Realism)

Problem oriented ethnography

Ethnography and Ethnology

Fieldwork (Qualitative Data, Quantitative Data)

Ethics (Cultural Realtivism, AAA Code of Ethics).

Interviews (Structured Interview, Unstructured Interviews)

Read: Methodology Section:

Selection Criteria

Procedures (Fieldwork, Fieldjottings, Fieldnotes, Technology, Participant Observation, Interview Techniques)

Ethics (Informed Consent, Pseudonym, Benefit/Harm)

Read excerpt from Cultural Anthropology, Tracy Evans.

Anthropological Culture concept

Levels of Culture (International, National, Regional, State level, Local, Counter-cultures, Worldview)

Micro or Subculture

Familial Culture

Enculturation

Cultural Transmission

Cultural Universals

Culture Change

Culture Shock

Values and Norms

Two Views of Culture: Etic and Emic

Symbols and Culture

Watch Robin Nagle’s TED talk “What I Discover in New York City Trash (7:48)

**UNIT THREE: Infrastructure:**

**Mode of Production: Environment, Technology, Forms of Exchange**

3.1 What is Cultural Materialism?

3.2 Brief overview of forms of societies

Read excerpt from Cultural Anthropology, “Economic Organization” Tracy Evans.

Subsistence Strategies (Economic Organizaton, Mode of Production)

Foraging (Hunters and Gatherers)

Pastoralists

Horticulturalists

Intensive Agriculture

Read excerpt from Cultural Anthropology, “Economic Organization” Tracy Evans.

Subsistence Strategies (Economic Organizaton, Mode of Production)

3.3 Forms of Exchange

3.3a Reciprocity (!Kung txaro exchange)

3.3b Redistribution (Big men society – Moka exchange, Pacific Northwest –potlatch, US Taxes)

3.3c Market Principle (supply & demand, unbalanced)

Watch short video “What is a gift Economy?” Alex Gendler (4:05), TED Lessons worth sharing,2014.

**Mode of Reproduction: Demography, Birth Rates, Death Rates, Migration**

Read Wikibooks: “Demography”

Demographic indicators: Fertility (Birth rates), Mortality (Death Rates)

Demographic Transition Theory

Migration

3.4 Cultural Example: A look at Forager Society: Dobe Ju’Hoansi

A look at a Forager Society: Dobe Ju’Hoansi

We will be watching a film by John Marshall, “A Kalahari Family: A Far Country,” in class and you will need to describe examples from the film that illustrate your understanding of the Infrastructure of Forager societies on the first test. You can also explore the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History research and collections about John Marshall’s work:

Review of Forager society in terms of the Theory Cultural Materialism within the “universal pattern” (Infrastructure, Structure, Superstructure).

Film Questions for Forager Society

**First Test:**

**List of concepts and Terms for first test**

**UNIT FOUR: Structure: Domestic Economy and Political Economy**

* 1. Domestic Economy: Kinship, Descent, Marriage, Division of Labor/Sharing

Word stems to help learn concepts

Source: Pope, Lisa "Mnemonic Devices as a Supplemental Aid for Teaching Kinship Concepts and Terms." In Strategies in Teaching Anthropology. P.C. Rice and D.W. McCurdy, Eds. Uppersaddle River, NJ: Prentice Hall, 2006.

Read Evans, Tracy Cultural Anthropology “Chapter 8: Kinship” Lumen Publishing: 2017. (Candela Open Courses).

Consanguinity

Kinship

Kinship Diagrams

Descent Rules (Bilateral, Patrilineal, Matrilineal)

Descent groups (Lineages, clans,)

Kinship Terminology

Read Evans, Tracy Cultural Anthropology “Chapter 9: Marriage and Family” Lumen Publishing: 2017. (Candela Open Courses).

Marriage

Functions of Marriage

Forms of marriage (Monogamy, Polygyny, Polyandry, etc)

Rules for Marriage (Incest taboo, exogamy, endogamy, cross-cousin marriage, parallel cousin marriage, )

Economy Aspects of Marriage (Bridewealth, Bride price, Bride Service, Dowry)

Family Types (Nuclear family, Extended family, Blended family, etc.)

Postmarital Residence Patterns (Patrilocal, Matrilocal, Bilocal, Neolocal, Avunculocal)

Residence patterns

* 1. Political Economy

How to Deal with conflict from small to large scale society

Forms of Leadership

Warfare

Read: Evans, Tracy Chapter 11: Politics & Culture.

Political Systems

Power

Bands

Tribes

Chiefdoms

Segmentary Lineage Systems

States

Social Stratification

Indian Caste System

Social Control

Genocide

Theories of Warfare

How Do Different Types of Societies Deal with Conflict?

Small Scale:

Informal control, no centralized political system

Forager (Band, Kinship polities, Headman)

Pastoral (Tribe, Acephalus system, Segmentary system, Clan.

Horticultural Society (Tribe, Headman, clan, Bigmen, chiefdom)

Large Scale:

More formal means of control, centralized state

Agricultural Society (A State system)

Post Industrial Society (State System, Global Political Organization, Western Capitalist Expansion)

* 1. Cultural Example: A look at Pastoral Society: Masai.

We will watch a film “Masai Woman” in class.

Look also at “Kakeny Ntaiya: A girl who demanded School” (15:16), Oct. 2012.

General Outline of Pastoral Societies in terms of the Universal pattern of Cultural Materialism

Film questions organized in terms of the Universal pattern

**Second Test**

**Terms associated with Structure: Domestic and Political Economy**

Short Essay:

* 1. Define Cultural Materialism.
  2. Describe each part of the Universal pattern
  3. Describe the “Structure” of Pastoral Societies using illustrative examples from the film: Masai Woman.

**UNIT FIVE: Superstructure: Beliefs and Expressions that Support the society**

5.1Religion

Evans, Tracy Cultural Anthropology “Chapter 12: Supernatural Belief Systems” Lumen Publishing: 2017. (Candela Open Courses)

Sport as Ritual

Read: Geertz, Clifford (1973) “Deep Play: Notes on the Balinese Cockfight” in The Interpretation of Cultures. New York: Basic Books.

<http://itu.dk/~miguel/ddp/Deep%20play%20Notes%20on%20the%20Balinese%20cockfight.pdf>

Watch: “Trobriand Cricket: An Ingenious Response to Colonialism” (9:45).

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gUFtizrWdfY>

Art

Read: Evans, Tracy Cultural Anthropology “Chapter 13: Art” Lumen Publishing: 2017. (Candela Open Courses)

Medicinal Practices

Read: Evans, Tracy Cultural Anthropology “Chapter 12: Supernatural Belief Systems: Health and Illness” Lumen Publishing: 2017. (Candela Open Courses)

Architecture

Watch:

Watch the “The Architecture of Mud” (51:00)

Or

Take a look at “The Art and Architecture of Power” (30:00)

Cultural Example: A look at a Horticultural Society: Asmat

Outline of Horticultural Societies

Film Questions

Key terms for Superstructure:

Presentation of Poster Projects

**Final Exam**

Short Essay:

* 1. Define Cultural Materialism.
  2. Describe each part of the Universal pattern
  3. Describe the “Superstructure” of one of the societies we discussed (your choice: Forager, Pastorialist, Horitcultural) using illustrative examples from the films. As the theory of Cultural Materialism emphasizes the “Infrastructure,” you must explain how the “Infrastructure” sets the pattern for the “superstructure.”