

Anthro 4

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Short Paper assignment

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Your assignment this semester is to perform an analysis of one of the groups we have studied from the viewpoint of one or more of the theorists we have introduced this session. The material for your analysis is to be derived from the textbook, films, lectures, and independent research.

First, I want a brief, approximately half-page synopsis of the beliefs and/or activities on which you are going to focus. Next, I want you to analyze some part of the system, beliefs, and/or practices from **one of two** of the theoretical viewpoints discussed in the course. Any of the groups that we have studied is acceptable as a topic. Your analysis must contain data from the lectures, films, text, and from your own independent research. **In this assignment, simply agreeing with the text and lectures interpretations is insufficient.** You will need to expand your argument beyond the scope of the material presented in the course. Your analysis is expected to be unique. **You will not receive a low grade if I disagree with you.**

The assignment should be a minimum of approximately 3 pages of double-spaced type and a maximum of approximately five pages. Intelligent analysis, careful, writing, and good grammar are the basis for your grade. **The due date for this assignment is Wednesday, May 23rd. The assignment is to be delivered as a hard copy in class or into my box in C321 before the office closes.**

I will happily look at drafts in email form, before or after class, and in office hours. It almost always raises the student's grades if a draft precedes the final work.