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Your final paper for ANTH 110 is an essay on either the book by Yang or Basso. The paper will be 5 pages, double-spaced, 1 inch margins, using Times New Roman font. This paper is not merely a summary of the book. Instead, you should explore some aspect of the book that interests you and relate it in some way to course material. The paper will be graded on a P/F basis worth 20 points. Please see below rubric.

Purpose and CONTENT (Development)

The essay has a purpose or controlling statement—a single, central point that is interesting, original, striking and substantial. The central idea is developed in the essay through well-chosen, appropriate, concrete details that show originality and freshness. Author shows rather than merely tells. Generalizations and assertions are defended. Arguments are logical.

ORGANIZATION

The essay is organized and well structured (there is a beginning, a body, and a conclusion). The essay exhibits a clear strategy for persuasion and pattern of development (chronological order, spatial order, comparison/contrast, etc.). The organization works with the controlling statement so that the organization contribute to serving the purpose of the essay. Essay does not digress from central point. Transitions help the paper flow smoothly. Introductory paragraph(s) is (are) interesting and appropriate. Concluding paragraph is satisfying.

PARAGRAPHS

Paragraphs are organized, unified and coherent. Each supporting paragraph has a controlling idea (which may be expressed in a topic sentence). In supporting paragraphs, topic idea helps further the thesis.

STYLE

The essay is written in a style and tone appropriate to the audience, topic and purpose. Words are appropriate and well chosen. Writer seems to be speaking in an authentic voice. Paper is enjoyable and interesting.

GRAMMAR, SPELLING, MECHANICS

Subtract points for errors in grammar (comma splices, fragments, fused sentences, agreement, etc.), spelling, and mechanics (margins, format, etc.). The paper follows formatting styles as outlined in the assignment

