

Daily Learning Goals & Terms

WEEK #1: WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31

A. Learning Objectives for the Day

- What is the difference between Darwin's ideas of evolution, the ideas of social evolution, and the ideas of our anthropological forefather, Franz Boas?
- How did Boas's critique of race influence the direction of American anthropology?

B. Terms to know:

evolution versus social evolution/evolutionism/unilineal evolution/social darwinism

Franz Boas

biological determinism vs. cultural constructionism

holistic

WEEK #1: FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

A. Learning Objectives for the Day

- What does Miner's article "Body Ritual Among the Nacirema" tell us about the goals of anthropology?
- What is culture?

B. Terms and Concepts that we Covered

culture

adaptive

symbolic

WEEK #2: MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

A. Learning Objectives for the Day

- Recap: what are the four fields of anthropology and how do they differ from one another?
- What is anthropological fieldwork and what methods does it involve?
- What is so paradoxical about the method of participant-observation?
- How do ethnography and ethnology mutually reinforce one another?

B. Terms and Concepts that We Covered

fieldwork

participant-observation

ethnography & ethnology

WEEK #2: WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

A. Learning Objectives for the Day

- What are some advantages and disadvantages of long-term participant-observation as a method for collecting data about people and culture?

B. Terms and Concepts that We Covered

key informant/collaborator

emic versus etic perspective