

Discussion Questions

B. LEWIS H. MORGAN & EVOLUTIONISM

1. Morgan was the first social theorist to focus on kinship. How did he interpret the systems of kinship nomenclature that he discovered?
2. According to Morgan, what is the “force” that drives social evolution? Is it “materialist” or “idealist”?
3. What was Morgan’s ideas about the evolution of the state, and why was his analysis novel and important?