

News Review #3
ANTH 239: Peoples & Cultures of Africa
Topic: AIDS in Africa
due: Wednesday, November 7th
worth 2 points

Goal: Students are to find a newspaper article (I recommend the *New York Times*), magazine article, or webpage on AIDS in Africa. They are to read the article, post comment on it on Angel, and discuss it in class.

You can focus on AIDS throughout the continent or on AIDS in a specific country. You might, for example, focus on a country that has successfully implemented programs to fight AIDS, such as Uganda and Senegal. Or you might focus on a country that suffers the most from the epidemic, such as South Africa, Swaziland, or Botswana (among others). Any African country will do. All articles should be dated from within the past five years.

WHAT TO DO . . .

1) Pick and print up an article (or webpage) on AIDS in Africa

You might have more success if you use the keywords “AIDS” and the name of a specific country (see some mentioned above)

✱*Note that the article must be a substantial piece (more than 3 paragraphs), not a tiny blurb.*

✱✱*Note that you cannot pick the same article as someone else. First come, first serve!*

2). Post on your article:

After selecting your article or webpage, make a post of 150-300 words on Angel, under the folder “Assignments,” “News Reviews,” and “Posts for News Review #3, AIDS in Africa.”

→ When making your post, put the title and date of your article in the Subject box. This will permit others to easily identify what articles have already been used.

EXAMPLE: "Why Darfur Can't be Left to Africa" (8/7/05)

→ Then, in the main box, type your comments. You may wish to type these into WORD first, then cut-and-paste these into the Blackboard Discussion board.

❖ In your post you should explain why you chose this piece and what you learned from it.

❖❖ In addition, you should add commentary on the piece which *can* include (but does not necessarily touch on all these points): your personal reaction to the

article, your analysis of how the current situation is shaping up, links with other things said or read about by you or other students, criticism of piece, etc. *This is a very loose and open-ended forum, so write about what comes to mind—no need to treat this as a laundry list!*

3) Discuss your article:

Be prepared to informally present your piece, along with your post comments, in class (about 5 minutes).