

ANTH 348/Ideas of Culture
Midterm review sheet/study guide/security blanket

The midterm will be given on October 31st. Format will be a mixture of "objective" questions (true-false, multiple-choice and maybe some matching), short answer (paragraph or so) and essays (longer paragraphs). Do not miss the exam. Make-up exams will be all essay and given only if you notify me before the exam and present a verifiable medical excuse/proof of extenuating circumstance within 48 hours of the exam.

Paradigms/schools of thought:

- *Unilineal evolutionism*
- *Historical/dialectical materialism*
- *Historical particularism*
- *Culture & personality*
- *Functionalism*
 - structural functionalism
 - bio-psychological functionalism

People:

Edward Burnet Tylor
Lewis Henry Morgan
Herbert Spencer
Karl Marx and Freiderich Engels
Alfred Reginald Radcliffe-Brown

Margaret Mead
Ruth Benedict
Emile Durkheim
Franz Boas
Edward Evan Evans-Pritchard

Edward Sapir
Bronislaw Malinowski
Alfred Kroeber
Marcel Mauss
Max Gluckman

Some important concepts/ideas/terms:

Ethnical periods
The comparative method
The superorganic
Organic & mechanical solidarity
Social Fact
Laws

Psychic unity
Historical particularism
Collective conscience
Survivals
Fieldwork
Kula

Rebellion vs. revolution
Social structure
Falsifiability
Induction
Deduction
Basic needs

Possible short answer/essay questions:

- Summarize the most important ideas behind Herbert Spencer's *organic analogy*.
- What is *historical/dialectical materialism* and how does it explain sociocultural phenomena?
- Discuss the *theoretical and methodological contributions* made to anthropology by *Franz Boas*.
- What was the essence of "*Kroeber's credo*" as espoused in "*The Eighteen Professions*"
- What was the primary purpose of *Mead's research in Samoa and New Guinea* and how does it accord with Boas' teachings?
- How do *both* Radcliffe-Brown's examination of joking relationships brother and Evans-Pritchard's study of Azande witchcraft beliefs and practices reflect the premises of structural functionalism?
- Compare and contrast the *functionalist approaches* of A.R. Radcliffe-Brown and Bronislaw Malinowski. Discuss both similarities and differences.
- Compare and contrast the positions of the *19th century evolutionists* with those of the *historical particularists*. What did the adherents of these two schools of thought seek to do and how did they go about these tasks?
- Marvin Harris states that "given the condition of anthropology at the end of the 19th century, the one great reformatory movement that was necessary...to the further progress of the science of culture was precisely that which Boas initiated." Do you agree or disagree with that statement? Why?