

Anth 348/Fall 2013
Writing Assignment #1/25 points
Due in class 10/08/13

In a well thought out, carefully written essay, *compare and contrast the theoretical positions of the 19th century evolutionists/historical materialists with those of the early 20th century historical particularists.*

To refresh your memory, the *evolutionists* we looked at were Spencer, Morgan, and Tylor on the one hand, and Marx and Engels on the other. The *historical particularists* we examined were Boas, Kroeber, and Sapir, and Whorf.

In your essay you should minimally discuss:

- the assumptions upon which each of these paradigms are based.
- what the adherents of these two schools of thought sought to do.
- how they went about their tasks.

Please be sure to include your own commentary and criticism on each point.

Technical requirements:

- Your essays should be based upon your reading of the assigned chapters and they should be written in your own words.
- Feel free to *judiciously quote* from those readings or others but please properly acknowledge the source.
- Plagiarism is very naughty and this includes cutting and pasting from websites (*especially* Wikipedia). It's very easy to spot and is not a good idea.
- Not sure what plagiarism is, see <http://www.plagiarism.org/plagiarism-101/what-is-plagiarism>
- If in you are in doubt regarding citation style consult the American Anthropological Association Style Guide. http://www.aaanet.org/publications/style_guide.pdf
- It's the easiest and fastest way to cite.
- These papers must be typed, preferably double-spaced. No handwritten submissions will be accepted. Late papers will be penalized 5 points per half day late.
- Length is at your discretion. Five (5) pages is about average. More is not necessarily better.