

Anthropology 1130 Mid-term Exam Study Guide, Winter 2009

The exam will be 1 hour and fifty minutes long and held during class time on February 12, 2009. You are responsible for material in all lectures, readings, films, and discussion groups from weeks 1-5.

Format of the exam

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| A) 10 multiple choice or fill-in-the-blank questions | 20 points |
| B) Five '2 sentence answers' where you will identify the significance of a term, name, concept, or idea from the course. | 10 points |
| C) Four short answer questions where you will discuss the significance ideas from the class. | 20 points |
| D) One longer answer where you will apply ideas from the class. Comparison and examples may be required. | 10 points |
| Total | 60 points (20% of grade) |

The following list summarizes the material we covered in the first five weeks. It is meant as a guide for your exam preparation and may not be an exhaustive list.

Week 1-2: Introduction / Theoretical Background and What Is Religion?

Anthropology, four fields, cultural relativism, ethnocentrism, science, supernatural, culture, biological determinism, cultural determinism, definitions of religion, approaches to the study of religion, modes of production, Durkheim, Malinowski, Tylor, animism, polytheism, monotheism, god, spirit, functionalism, psychological anthropology, individual cult, shamanistic cult, communal cult, Steven Jay Gould and NOMA, *Voodoo* (film)

Weeks 3: Ritual

ritual, *Dead Birds* (film), intellectualist approach, functional approach, Victor Turner, prescriptive vs situational rituals, periodic vs occasional rituals

Week 4: Mythology

myth, legend, folktale, functional approach, structural approach, psychoanalytical approach, Owl Story (Lil'wat myth), Joseph Campbell, monomyth, Gururmba Creation Story, Azande story