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Anthropology of Food Week 6

Hunting-Gathering or Foraging,
and the Emergence of Food Production

Desert People

Midterm Exam

and after the exam . . .

"Recipes and Dishes"

ANTHRODAY

americananthro.org/anthroday

Thursday, 16 February 2017

This week we're going to have a look at **how people get their food in nonindustrial societies**, featuring (1) the classic film *The Desert People*, (2) Ch. 2 of *Eating Cultures*, "**Hunter-Gathering or Foraging**," and (3) the chapters from Michael Pollan's *Omnivore's Dilemma on foraging* (Chs. 15-17).

Before you view the film *The Desert People*, have a look at the [viewing guide](#). On the viewing guide focus on the "[Terms / Concepts](#)" and "[Notes](#)" sections. Peruse the other information on the film's viewing guide as you see fit.

The Midterm Exam is Thursday, 16 February 2017. Live Chat, for last-minute questions, is Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Other Information on the Midterm Exam is available at <https://ay16.moodle.umn.edu/mod/chat/view.php?id=818330>.



[Live Chat -- Review for Midterm Exam, Wednesday, 15 February 2017, from 7:00 - 8:00 CDT](#)

Don't forget . . . that you can use the information in the class **Midterm wiki as study questions for the Midterm**. Your questions will be annotated; be sure to read my comments and suggestions about the questions. I will have added a couple of questions. The Midterm will be **four essay questions**, selected from a pool generated from those included in the wiki:

 **[Wiki: Midterm Exam Study Questions](#)**

The final pool of questions generally contains 12-16 questions, all taken from the annotated wiki list of questions, including at least one current affairs question that I will add. [The final pool of questions will not include more than one question on the same (or essentially similar question), which is why it usually ends up with 12-16 questions].



[MIDTERM EXAM](#) -- Timed at 1 hour 15 minutes. Tuesday, 16 February 2017

After the Midterm Exam—and for much of **the remainder of the term**—we'll be spending most of the time, up until we begin your **class presentations**, examining **“How People Get Their Food in Industrial Societies”** and what that means to various groups of people around the world. We will be exploring the social, corporeal, sacred, psychological, political, economic, and cultural aspects of food *via* the texts and videos.

And hopefully, also as noted last week, in the remainder of the term you will be **applying your analytical anthropological skills** that you have been developing and honing in the first five weeks of the course. We will be shifting emphasis to video materials, and then to class Presentations—visiting many parts of the globe in the process—so you will have lots of opportunities to practice your skills.

Speaking of skills . . . this week, after you are finished with your Midterm Exam, take the two short minute-and-a-half **tests of your observational skills** before you continue your intensive look at the wide variety of Anthropology of Food video materials. You should take those short tests this week, but wait until after you have finished the Midterm Exam (you will have enough to do before the Exam).



After the Exam Take the Two (Very Short) [Selective Attention Tests](#) in Preparation for Watching Remaining Videos

Don't forget . . . it's always a good idea to share your ideas with others. Discuss them on-line with the others in class. And you *should* do that. If you haven't tried it yet; try it—you may not like it, but you'll never know unless you try.

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[Wiki for Project Collaboration](#)

QUICKMAIL (see sidebar)

The above items will be found at the top of your **Moodle** folder under "Student Collaboration Space".

Your **Assignments and Activities listings** are available in the **Week 6 Block** of your **Moodle** folder.

This week the Assignments and Activities include . . .



[Reading Assignments for Week 6](#)



After the Exam Take the Two (Very Short) [Selective](#)

Attention Tests in Preparation for Watching Remaining Videos

Selective Attention Test

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vJG698U2Mvo>



The Monkey Business Illusion

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IGQmdoK_ZfY



Part 2: Project Promissory Abstract and Working Bibliography (Due by the end of Week 6—Saturday, 18 February 2017)



Forum: "Yes, We Have No Bananas" (Due by the end of Week 6—

[Saturday, 18 February 2017\)](#)



[Forum: And Maybe We Have No Coffee Either](#) (Due by the end of Week 6—Saturday, 18 February 2017)

And for fun, **a trivia question this week . . .**

What was the average consumption of potatoes per person in Ireland before the great potato famine of 1845?



Famine Memorial, Dublin, Ireland

[Answer](#)

As usual, if you have any **questions** right now, please do not hesitate to post them on the **Moodle** “QUICKMAIL”, “Messenger” or e-mail troufs@d.umn.edu, or stop in before or after class across the hall in Cina 215.

Best Regards,

Tim Roufs

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