

PEOPLES AND CULTURES OF THE WORLD
SOA 101
Winter 2005

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Office Hours: Thurs 11:45-2:00pm

TEXTS:

Dobe Juhoansi – Richard Lee

Lakota of the Rosebud - E. Grobsmith

Soul Rebels - Lewis

Gnomon Copy Reading Packet – purchase on Huntington Ave.

January 3-7

- ❑ **Class business**
- ❑ **Basic Concepts: Culture, Ethnocentrism, Relativism, etc.**
 - ❑ **Readings: Lee Ch.1**

January 10-14

- ❑ **Historical figures & Anthropological Methods**
- ❑ **FILM: Boas**
- ❑ **Band level societies: general characteristics**
 - ❑ **Readings: Gnomon Packet, Economic Chapter Lee Ch.2,4**

January 17-21

- ❑ **MLK Holiday**
- ❑ **Egalitarian systems (gender and social strata).**
- ❑ **Reciprocity.**
 - ❑ **Reading: Lee, Ch.,5,6.7**

January 24-28

- ❑ **Social control in Band level societies.**
- ❑ **Social control (continued).**
- ❑ **Film: Nai**
 - ❑ **Reading: Gnomon Packet, Kinship; Lee Ch.8,10-12; and Appendix “Christmas in the Kalihari.”**

January 31-February 4

- ❑ **Kinship**
- ❑ **Marriage/residence/descent**
- ❑ **Quiz #1.**
 - ❑ **Reading: Grobsmith Chapters 1-4;**

Feb. 7-11

- ❑ **Origins of Tribal Level Society.**
- ❑ **Plains Indian formations. Impact of Western society on gender relations.**
- ❑ **The beginning of gender inequality.**
 - ❑ **Reading: Grobsmith Chapters 5,6,9.**

Feb. 14-18

- ❑ **Social/economic hierarchy.**
- ❑ **The rise of the reservation to Wounded Knee 1891.**
- ❑ **The anthropology of religion.**
 - ❑ **Reading:**

Feb.21-25

- ❑ **Revitalization Movements.**
- ❑ **FILM: The Spirit of Crazy Horse.**
- ❑ **The Second Wounded Knee: contemporary politics of Indian life.**
 - ❑ **Readings:**

Feb. 28-March 4

- ❑ **Spring Break**
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March 7-11

- ❑ **Review**
- ❑ **Quiz #2**
- ❑ **Colonialism**
 - ❑ **Readings: Gnomon Packet “Why People Can’t Feed Themselves.”; Chapter on Religion.**

March 14-18

- ❑ **Cargo Cults**
- ❑ **Film: Bob Marley**
- ❑ **No class**
 - ❑ **Readings:**

March 21-25

- **Hegemony**
- **Cultural Resistance.**
- **Popular Culture as cultural resistance**
 - **Readings Lewis Chapter 1.**

March 28-April 1

- **Rastafarian cultural origins**
- **Cultural core in Rasta life**

- **Film: TBA**
 - **Readings: Lewis Chapter 2,3**

April 4-8

- **Non-traditional Rastas**
- **Rastas and the Jamaican State**
- **Rastas as cultural resistance**

April 11-15

- **Anthropology of globalization**
- **Review**
- **Quiz #3**

Course requirements: Please read this carefully

Grade: Four quizzes make up the grade. NO FINAL EXAM!!! Quizzes are predominantly objective but also contain at least one 4-5 point short answer question. Exams will be given only on aforementioned dates (no make ups unless you have valid doctors excuse). There is no final exam, rather each major section of the course will have its own exam.

Optional extra credit paper: 3 pages, double spaced, comparing any variable, between any two cultures (either one's we've discussed in class, or preferably other cultures not dealt with in class. Clear it with Professor). For every Internet source used, you must use three written sources. This assignment is due the last day of class.