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Homework Assigned on Day 1

Today's homework assignment is to familiarize yourself with some information regarding Social-Cultural Anthropology as a field, and introduce you to some possible resources. There are 3 different tasks:

1. To get a background in the field, read the scanned chapter from the textbook by Nanda and Warm's. A few pages are left out that we will read next class.

For the next two short assignments below, answer the questions in a personal journal (an actual book or just files on your computer). Bring a hard copy to class each day to share your thoughts on the homework and other assignments.

2. Watch this YouTube video:

<https://techtv.mit.edu/videos/315-doing-anthropology>

It is about 8 minutes long and involves American cultural anthropology profs talking about their fieldwork.

What was your initial reaction to the film? What other thoughts or emotions did you have while viewing it?

What were the three research projects? Why did the researchers find them interesting?

Did the research the people were doing differ from what you thought social-cultural anthropologists might do? How?

3. Visit the American Anthropological Association website (aanet.org) and the Canadian Anthropology Society CASCA website (cas-sca.ca)

Explore the pages. Does either organization publish a journal? Does either provide money to undergraduates to attend a conference? If so, where and when is the next conference?

Are there field schools or other opportunities for undergraduates?