Cultural Anthropology (ANTH 211) Exam I Essay Guidelines

You will answer one of the three questions below. Only two questions will appear on the exam so you must be prepared to answer two questions to ensure you study a question that is definitely on the exam. Write at least three pages (more if needed) and use material from at least three different sources.

1. How do moka and the life of Médard Aristot illustrate the core differences between the norms of use-value and exchange-value cultures?

2. How does studying the bagne help us understand the norms of exchange-value culture?

3. How does the fear of envy preserve the norms of use-value culture?

Assessment

1. Do you have a clear, complete, and direct answer to the question?

2. Do you effectively apply key concepts from readings, films, and discussion in answering the question?

3. Do you firmly support your thoughts with evidence from readings and films?

4. Do you communicate your thought process clearly and in detail so the reader can follow your logic?

You will evaluate your own writing and that of a few classmates the week after the exam. We will determine essay grades based on your self-evaluation, peer evaluation, and my evaluation. If you faithfully engage in the process of assessing yourself and your classmates you will receive full credit (or close to it) on your essay.

1. culture (definition)
2. four key aspects of culture
3. enculturation
4. symbol
5. three obligations in use-value society
6. moka
7. norms
8. economy
9. generalized reciprocity
10. balanced reciprocity
11. hau
12. market economy
13. subsistence economy
14. cultural models
15. the person
16. the self
17. animism
18. ritual
19. magic
20. witchcraft
21. shaman
22. how culture is integrated into daily life
23. how power relates to culture
24. how to know if community is genuinely present
25. empirical vs. conceptual (or physical vs. metaphysical, or natural vs. supernatural)
26. use-value society vs. exchange-value society
27. use rights (or usufruct) vs. private property
28. belief vs. knowledge
29. double consciousness