

# Indians of California Research Paper & Group Oral Presentation

Anth 210 • Section #16640 • Fall 2015

## **Total 90 points**

**Part One:** Topic/Research Question (5), Bibliography (10), Worksheet/Outline (5), Draft (10), Final (10) and Research Notes (10): 50 points

- **DUE September 21 (M): Topic & Research Question**
- **DUE November 16 (M): Bibliography (6 sources min.)**
- **DUE November 23 (M): Worksheet/Outline**
- Oral Presentations: 10/7, 10/14, 10/21, 10/28, 11/4
- **DUE November 30 (M) Draft Paper**
- **DUE December 7 (M) Final Paper (hardcopy, min. 10 pages) & Research Notes**

**Part Two:** Group Oral Presentations about Culture Areas (with group researched bibliographies, PDF emailed to instructor on day of presentation) 30-40min: 40 points

- **Presentation Dates:**
  1. Northwestern California Culture Area: October 7
  2. Central California Culture Area: October 14
  3. Southern California Culture Area: October 21
  4. Colorado River Culture Area: October 28
  5. Great Basin/Local Culture Area: November 4

**→SOME DUE DATES MAY CHANGE FROM THE SYLLABUS**

## **The assignment:**

This assignment requires you to do two things: (Part 1) Research and author an individually written paper about a cultural element of an Indian tribe or cultural area group assigned to you AND (Part 2) to collaborate with the other students in your culture area group to research the culture area's facts in order to give an oral presentation about them to the class.

**Part One:** Your written assignment will be written entirely by you (Please read the "Plagiarism Statement" on the syllabus before beginning). Research methods will be secondary research utilizing the library, archives, journals, Internet to search for data to answer your research question. You have the option of doing primary research as well if it is appropriate for your research question and tribe (or culture areas) with instructor approval.

**Part Two:** Each in-class group presentation will include a bibliography of sources used in the presentation and the following information about each tribe's traditional (pre-contact to 1900 C.E./A.D. 1900) practices in their assigned culture area:

- Geographic location
- Outsider's name of the tribe/Their name for themselves
- Language
- Estimated population numbers since 1770
- Settlement (number and description)
- Houses and buildings (description)
- Subsistence practices
- Food/Medicines
- Clothing (male/female/children/elites)
- Tools (for hunting/gathering/fishing, warfare, family care, etc.)
- Trade
- Religious practices/Sacred places
- Impacts of Colonial and American Periods on their traditional culture/society
- Modern culture/society (Revival? Issues?)

**Six ways to find research data on a culture area's California Indian tribe:**

1. College of the Canyons Library (online search)
  - URL: <http://www.canyons.edu/Offices/library/Pages/Article-databases.aspx>
  - Database > Username: salt Password: pepper
  - Find Books > type in tribe name (e.g. "Chumash" or "Mojave")
  - Suggested Academic (peer-reviewed) Journals: California Archaeology, American Antiquity, Science, American Anthropology
2. Natural History Museums and University archive searchers.
  - <http://hearstmuseum.berkeley.edu/collections/california> > scroll to bottom and do a search for name of your tribe (example: "Mojave") to see images of their material culture listed in various categories
  - <http://www.sbnature.org/crc/47.html> Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History
  - <http://theautry.org> Autry National Center of the American West
3. Wikipedia and California FactCards. You can not cite Wikipedia or FactCards as one of your sources but these web sites can give a decent overview of California Indian tribes. Most of Wikipedia's California tribe pages have links to scientific articles, books and current tribal sources of information (that you can cite).
  - [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Main\\_Page](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Main_Page)
  - <http://factcards.califa.org/>
4. Google Scholar Search Engine: <https://scholar.google.com/> (de-select "patents" and search via tribe name (i.e. "Yokut"))

5. Major Search Engines (Google, Yahoo, Bing, etc.). Do a search using a key search term of the tribe's name, or geographic area and Indian cultural element. For example when I did a search for "Chumash Santa Barbara Food" the following websites were listed (and from them I found more online sources and published sources of research articles by ethnographers and archeologists):

- <http://www.sbnature.org/research/anthro/chumash/health.htm> Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History website about Chumash prehistoric culture
- <https://www.chumashcasino.com/resort/dining/buffet> Chumash Casino website
- <http://www.missionscalifornia.com/content/native-americans-santa-barbara.html> Missions of California website
- <http://santaynezchumash.org> Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Mission Indians

5. Online booksellers. If you want to purchase some resource books, please let me know as I can recommend several books about particular tribes. Books can be purchased online at retailer and publisher web sites such as Heyday Books (specialize in California Indian-related publications), Amazon and University of California Press among others.

**Research Data Types:** You will want to choose the research data which best fit your topic, the time you have, and the kind of research question that you are investigating. Types:

- **Secondary Research Data:**
  - Archaeological (found in peer-reviewed journals, articles, books)
    - Less biased than archival documents written by mostly elite European males during the European Contact, Colonial and American periods
    - Limited to material culture (not "symbolic culture": intangible practices, rituals, or beliefs of Native Americans)
  - Archival documents (found in museum or university archives, personal collections and published in books)
    - Eye witness accounts of traditional Indian life at European contact or afterwards during the Colonial, American, Modern periods
    - Biased as very few Native Americans or women had access to an education and opportunity to document in writing their own perspectives
  - Oral Histories, performances, published interviews (found online and university and museum collections, personal collections, and published books of Native American interviews; these sources reveal symbolic culture)
- **Primary Research Data/Methods:**
  - Participant observation (participate in a traditional or customary activity with Native Americans), observation (watch a pow wow or a phenomenon in daily life), in-person or phone Interviews, emailed surveys, Hermeneutic or symbolic analysis of texts (of food packaging, advertising, newspaper, Websites)\*

\*If you choose to do some primary ethnographic research, you must let your informants know that you are doing a college project and obtain written permission (see attached Informed

consent form) from them to publish the information they give you before proceeding. It is customary for ethnographic researchers to keep the identity of their informants anonymous. Either way, they must give their permission in writing before you can cite them.

**Topic & Research Question • Due: 9/21/15**  
**Indians of California Individual Research Paper**  
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**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Topic:**

**1 (first choice)**

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**2 (second choice)**

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**Research Question:**

**1 (first choice)**

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**2 (second choice)**

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**Bibliography • Due: 11/16/15**  
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→ Bibliographical and inline text citations must be in American Anthropological Association (AAA) Style (2009):

[https://anthromamadotcom.files.wordpress.com/2015/02/aaastyle\\_guide2009a.pdf](https://anthromamadotcom.files.wordpress.com/2015/02/aaastyle_guide2009a.pdf)

→ Minimum of 5 references (at least two must be a different media such as an anthropological journal article, book, magazine, radio program, personal communication, website—see the above link for the AAA Style Guide for examples.)

**Example inline text citations after your citation in the text of research paper\*:**

(Castles 1990:36)

\*Inline text citations occur at the end of the sentence with the cited source just before the period mark .

**Example bibliographic text citations: \***

**Single-Author Book:**

Castles, Stephen  
1990 Here for Good. London: Pluto Press.

**Co-Authored Book:**

Bonacich, Edna, and John Modell  
1975 The Economic Basis of Ethnic Solidarity: Small Business in the Japanese American Community. Berkeley: University of California Press.

**Multiple references with same author on the same year:**

Gallimore, Ronald  
1983a A Christmas Feast. New York: Oxford University Press.  
1983b Holiday Gatherings in the Pacific Northwest. Berkeley: University of California Press.

**Academic Journal**

Moll, Luis C.

2000 Writing as Communication: Creating Strategic Learning Environments for Students. *Theory into Practice* 25(3):202–208.

**Newspaper or Magazine Article:**

Reinhold, Robert

2000 Illegal Aliens Hoping to Claim Their Dreams. *New York Times*, November 3: A1, A10.

**Websites**

Russell, Steve

2015 Who You Callin' a Savage? The Beauty and Brilliance of Indian Science. *Indian Country*. August 5, 2015

<http://indiancountrytodaymedianetwork.com/2015/08/03/who-you-callin-savage-beauty-and-brilliance-indian-science-161269> , August 10, 2015.

Borofsky, Robert

2015 Maybe 'Doing No Harm' is Not the Best Way to Help Those Who Helped You. *AAA Ethics Blog*. <http://ethics.aaanet.org/maybe-doing-no-harm-is-not-the-best-way-to-help-those-who-helped-you/> ,accessed August 23, 2015.

*\*Write or type your list of source below using Times New Roman, 12-pt font, double-spaced text following the form of the citations above (except double-spaced)*

**Bibliography:**

**Worksheet/Outline • Due: 11/23/15**  
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**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please copy questions and re-type them with your answers;  
you can also find a copy to cut and paste on my website:

**1. Research Topic :** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

- **Your research area's anthropological sub-field (cultural, biological, archaeological, linguistic):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Research Question:**

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**2. Research Data that answers the Research Question**

- **Data 1**
- **Data 2**
- **Data 3**

**3. Analysis of Data:**

- **Does your data answer your research question? If not, why?**

**4. Conclusion/Summary (What did you find out that was surprising? What are areas for further study? Knowing what you know now, what would you have done differently for this research paper?)**

# Informed Consent Form • Due: 11/30/15

## Indians of California Individual Research Paper

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I, \_\_\_\_\_ agree to participate in research conducted by  
\_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ for the period of  
\_\_\_\_\_.

I understand that interview sessions may be recorded, and that I may request that the recorder be turned off at any time, for any reason. If not recorded, I understand notes will be taken during the interview.

I understand that the recordings may be transcribed for the purpose of this research project, but that they will not be further distributed without my permission.

I do / do not give permission for video recordings to be made and/or photographs to be taken.

I do / do not wish to remain anonymous in all materials produced as the result of this fieldwork.

I do / do not give permission for primary materials (field notes, audio and video recordings) to be made available to others (apart from the instructor of the course).

I do / do not give permission for secondary materials (such as the research paper itself) to be made available to others (apart from the instructor of the course), or published on the internet or in print.

Any other restrictions or specifications are listed below:

Signed by informant: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed by class member: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_