

**Anthropology 2351  
Final Exam Question  
Spring 2021**

**Description**

Anthropology is a holistic four-field discipline with a shared philosophical perspective and methodological approach. Each of its fields, however, has a unique focus. Each is equally challenged in its ability to negotiate new technologies and practices of an ever-more interconnected world.

Ideological diversity has increased among cultural anthropologists, but a shared methodology is embraced by all that emphasizes avoiding ethnocentrism. Recently, the central focus has become a shared global environment, with growing concerns focused on the effects of globalization.

**2351 Program Course-Level Student Learning Objective**

Addresses the following Student Learning Objectives:

- **Formulate explanations for the importance of language in culture**
- **Assess ethnography as a means of conducting cultural research**

**Assignment**

Download, stream, rent, etc. and watch the following film:

***The Mission, 1986, by Roland Joffe, starring Robert De Niro and Jeremy Irons***

Partially, using the events detailed in the movie *The Mission* as a case study, but also incorporating information potentially from lectures, readings, and modules, answer the following:

1. Identify at least 5 details/reasons why language is important in a culture.
2. Identify at least 5 details about why an ethnography can serve as a useful means of conducting cultural research.
3. Identify at least 5 relationships between *The Mission* and concepts such as religion and cultural relativism presented in the textbook.
4. Identify the importance of at least 3 concepts presented in this course to:
  - a. Your everyday life
  - b. Texas culture
  - c. American culture
  - d. The Globalized World
5. How is Cultural Anthropology uniquely equipped to study human cultural themes such as language, human origins, race, ethnicity, gender, sexuality, kinship, family, marriage, class, inequality, the global economy, religion, health, illness, the body, arts, and media? Give at least 5 examples with evidence.

a. Additionally, how is Cultural Anthropology limited/unable to access these concepts? Give at least 3 examples with evidence.

Answer the above questions in a well-composed, typed essay of at least **1200 words**. Turn in to the Dropbox entitled *Final Exam* in the *Final Exam Question* module on eCampus.

**Due May 12<sup>th</sup> at noon.**

### Grading Rubric

Criteria	Excellent (80-100%)	Average (60-79%)	Unacceptable (below 60%)	Total Points
<b>Clarity (20%)</b>	Details clearly identified	Details not clearly identified	Details not identified	
<b>Content (30%)</b>	Links major concepts from course	Links some concepts from course	Makes few links to course concepts	
<b>Evidence/Analysis (30%)</b>	Strong evidence of how source material is important to the course	Some evidence of how source material is important to the course	Little or no evidence of how source material is important to the course	
<b>Mechanics (spelling, grammar, formatting) (20%)</b>	Readable, neat, follows rules of spelling and grammar	Readable, but awkward and spelling/grammar errors	Hard to read; major spelling and grammatical errors	