Midterm study guide

The midterm will consist of a fifty-minute, closed-book examination comprising multiple choice and short answer (i.e., 3 or 4 sentences) questions. Generally speaking, you won’t be asked to spontaneously recall the following key concepts, but you should know what they mean and recognize their anthropological significance in the context of this class. Short questions may require knowledge of particular ethnographic case studies (e.g., *why do the Wari’ eat dead affines?*). You will not be asked about cases we haven’t discussed at length, and you don’t need to memorize the titles of articles or authors’ names, or the names of anthropologists mentioned in lecture. You will have some latitude in selecting questions to answer based on your own areas of strength.

Anthropology—four fields

Culture
“Layer-cake” vs. “co-evolutionary” theory of culture
Ethnography
Participant Observation
Emic vs. Etic
Holism
Reflexivity
Cultural relativism
Social Evolutionism vs. Historical Particularism
Franz Boas
Ideology
Ethnocentrism
Middle range theory
Case study
Agency vs. structure
Subjectivity
Personhood
Affect/emotion
“Structure of feeling”
Sex
Gender
Sexuality
Masculinity/Femininity
Kinship, kinship systems, kinship diagrams
Marriage
Arranged, Capture, and Companionate Marriage
Cross-cousin marriage (in the Junigau example)
Descent: matrilineal, patrilineal…
Residence: Patrilocal, Matrilocal, Neolocal
Affine vs. Consanguine
Exogamy, Endogamy
Linguistic exogamy
Caregiving and nurturance
Narrative vs. story
Life crisis (and life crisis ritual)
Modernity (vs. primitive, tradition, non-modern, pre-modern, anti-modern)
Local/alternative/parallel modernities
anomie
“Denial of coevalness”
Modernization, Development
Microprocesses
Hegemony
Otherness (or alterity)
Romanticism
Media ideology
Language ideology
Orality vs. literacy
Language shift, language death, language revitalization
Speech genre
Autonomous vs. ideological theories of literacy
Social/cultural change
Social/cultural reproduction
Innovation
Apprenticeship vs. education