

EXTRA CREDIT!!

Restaurant Review Anthropology 101

DUE: Tuesday, September 29, 2009

The purpose of this exercise is to give students experience with another culture through its food. This exercise has four parts:

1) Choose an ethnic restaurant that serves a type of food that you have not eaten previously. The restaurant should NOT be part of a chain and should NOT be take-out. Good choices within walking distance of campus include Ali Baba Middle Eastern Cuisine (175 East Main St) and Saigon restaurant (Newark Shopping Center). If you have transportation, there are many other possibilities within close driving range (e.g. Korean, Jamaican, Japanese, Peruvian, Malaysian, Indian, Thai, etc.) and further away in Wilmington and Philadelphia. Look in the Yellow Pages and on the Web for ideas and **BE ADVENTUROUS!!** If you are uncertain about whether or not your choice is an acceptable one, check with the instructor.

2) Once you have selected your restaurant, do internet and library research on the cuisine of that culture. Learn about important ingredients and spices; major dishes and how they are prepared, served, and eaten; and manners and hospitality.

3) Eat a meal at your selected restaurant. **BE ADVENTUROUS** with your food order and observant to your reactions to the food and surroundings.

4) Write a report that includes

- a. An introduction, indicating your purpose, the restaurant you chose, why you chose it, when you ate there, with whom you ate, and any other pertinent information (1 paragraph)
- b. A summary of what you learned from your internet/library research about the culture's cuisine, manners, hospitality, etc. (minimum 2 full paragraphs)
- c. A description of the restaurant's atmosphere (décor, staff, etc) and your reactions to it (minimum 1 full paragraph)
- d. A description of the food that you and your companions ordered and your and their reactions to it (minimum 2 full paragraphs)
- e. A conclusion, indicating what you learned from this experience (e.g., about yourself, another culture and its food, fieldwork, ethnocentrism, etc (1 paragraph)

This assignment is worth **15 pts.** Full points will be given only to those papers that address each of the required sections thoroughly and well, that evidence **ADVENTUROUSNESS** in restaurant and food selection, and that are well written.

Papers should be no longer than **5** type-written pages (double spaced with normal type size and margins). The pages should be STAPLED together. Three points will be deducted from papers that are not stapled. Illustrations will not be counted as part of the page limit. The bibliography should be put immediately after the end of the text, NOT on a separate page.

No late papers will be accepted.