

ISSUES COMPARISON
Anthropology 103
Winter 2007

DUE: Friday, January 26, 2007

Purpose: To have students consider the similarities and differences in the interests of Native Americans and archaeologists regarding site preservation and the treatment of human skeletal remains.

What to do: View two half hour videos in the Anthropology Department library. The titles are “Kuwoot yas ein: Its Spirit is Looking out from the Cave” (#151) and “Silent Witness: Protecting American Indian Archaeological Sites” (no #; in my mail box). See the secretary in Munroe 105 to check out the videos and to arrange for a viewing.

Things to make note of as you are watching the videos include:

- what is NAGPRA?
- what are the convergences and divergences among Native Americans and archaeologists with regards to the treatment of human skeletal remains found in archaeological sites?
- why is the preservation of archaeological sites a problem?
- what are the convergences and divergences among Native Americans and archaeologists with regards to the issue of site preservation

After viewing the two videos write a 2-3 page essay that discusses the issues identified above. Be sure that your introduction clearly states your thesis and indicates the organization of your essay. Be sure that your conclusion provides an overall assessment of the similarities and differences in the interests of Native Americans and archaeologists.

This assignment is worth 50 pts. One grade notch will be deducted for each omitted point. One-half grade notch will be deducted for “rough” writing. Students are advised to visit the writing center for assistance in polishing their writing.

Your essay should be stapled and type written double-spaced with normal font size and normal margins. Three points will be deducted from papers that are not stapled. Late reports will have penalty points deducted as indicated on the course syllabus.