

MATERIAL WORLD PAPER

Anthropology 230

DUE: Wednesday, May 16, 2007

The purpose of this paper is to have students analyze data on a large sample of contemporary cultures.

The assignment consists of three parts:

1) Students will compile and then graph data on two variables for the cases included in Menzel's book Material World. The points on the graph should be labeled (e.g., Mexico, Iceland, etc) and coded as to part of the world (e.g., Europe, North America, etc.)

2) Students will compile and then graph data on two more variables for the cases included in Menzel's book Material World. One of the variables may be the same as one used in the first graph. Again, the points on the graph should be labeled and coded.

3) Students will then analyze their graphs and prepare a paper that presents their findings in the following order:

- introduction (1 paragraph)
- analysis of patterns in first graph (1-2 paragraphs)
- graph 1 (put on separate page)
- analysis of patterns in second graph (1-2 paragraphs)
- graph 2 (put on separate page)
- comparison of the two graphs, including both similarities and differences (2 paragraphs)
- interpretations of your results
- conclusion

Papers should be type written with normal font and margins. They should be stapled with no cover, title page (unless you have an illustration), or extra pages at the end. Three points will be deducted from papers that are not stapled.

This assignment is worth 50 pts. "A" grades will be given only to those papers that are thorough in their analyses; that have tidy, readable graphs; and that are extremely well written. Students are encouraged to visit the Writing Center for help in "polishing" their writing.

One grade notch will be deducted for each omitted section. One-half grade notch will be deducted for "rough" writing. Late papers will have penalty points deducted as indicated on the course syllabus.