

CULTURE CHANGE EXERCISE

Anthropology 101

Due: Tuesday, December 9, 2008

Purpose: To give students experience collecting information about culture change in an interview

What to Do: Talk to someone over the age of 65 for at least one hour about what life was like when they were young and how our culture has changed since then. You **MUST** get your informant's permission to use what they say for this exercise. Your discussion with your informant can focus on one topic or multiple topics. Which option you choose should depend on your interests, what your informant would like to talk about and how much information you are able to obtain on one topic. Remember to be considerate, attentive, and polite in all of your interactions with your informant.

Report Outline: At the top of your report, indicate the following information about your informant: Name (use pseudonym, if your informant prefers), Age, Gender, Birthplace, and Ethnicity. Then, make a table that summarizes what you learned about culture change during your interview. If your interview focused on just one topic, then your table should have two columns, labeled "Then" and "Now". In the "Then" column, you should list the observations that your informant made about that topic in the past, indicating the approximate time frame (e.g., 1930's). In the "Now" column, you should list the observations that you informant made about how that topic today and how it has changed. As much as possible, pair then and now information on your table.

If your interview focused on more than one topic, then your table should have three columns, labeled "Topic", "Then", and "Now". The number of rows should correspond to the number of topics that were discussed. In the first column for each row, you should indicate the topic. In the second and third columns, you should fill in the information for each row as indicated above.

This assignment is worth 10 points. It should be type-written with regular sized margins and font size.