**Jace Anthropology Essay 4, April 2020 Ms. Jackson**

Have you ever wondered what Anthropology is? Anthropology is the study of both human history and current humans. There are four branches to Anthropology, Biological or Physical Anthropology, Linguistic Anthropology, Archeology, and Cultural Anthropology. Anthropology is also a part of Sociology, which is the study of human society, Psychology, which is studying the mind and behavior, essentially, and Biology, which is studying life and organisms.

Biological Anthropology is the study of human evolution and the variations of us as we were evolving. It is believed that the first 2-legged human being was found on Africa, and early variations of us had big jaws and lots of muscle around the jaw area to chew hard-to-chew things that present humans (Homo Sapiens) probably cannot chew. Some other variations of us also had smaller brains, for Homo Neanderthals had only 1200cc of brain capacity, whereas Homo Sapiens (us) have more than 1300cc of brain capacity. Jobs involving Biological Anthropology include Forensics, Researching, Teaching, being a museum curator, and analyzing ancient DNA, and if you want to continue human studies, you can donate your body to science to have it analyzed.

Linguistic Anthropology is the study of languages and how they relate to cultures and impact social life. Each language has a different way of working like English is written in letters, and Chinese is written in Strokes. Chinese is also a tonal language, which is why it is very hard to learn. Dances also represent a language and a culture in a way, like Hawaii has a dance to show how intimidating they are before battles. They scream and shout at the enemies. Songs represent a universal language, for singers around the world could sing about birds in different languages, but all the songs would have the same meaning.

Archeology is digging for objects from the past and studying them to know our past, and the oldest tool found is a tool that is 3.3 million years old. Past objects also include humans, most include mummies, but there are also bog bodies. Bog bodies are found in bogs and can’t decompose as well because of how acidic bog acid is. Just like how fruit is pickled, bog acid preserves the human body, even its organs, and because of that, we can also find out how criminals would be sacrificed back in the day. Bog bodies have been found with holes in their heads, and nooses around their neck. The Indiana Jones movies also show people digging with pickaxes to dig for artifacts, but since antique artifacts are usually **very** fragile, you need to use gentle tools like brushes to get artifacts from the ground.

Last but not least is Cultural Anthropology (Savannah’s favorite!). Cultural Anthropology is the study of human cultures, how they differ from country to country and understanding why people do things differently from each other. A part of a tradition that my family does every year during Chinese New Year is praying to Buddha and giving him food to give us good luck. This is important to my family and me because we are also respecting our relatives from the past that brought us to where we are today. It is important that you don’t bring anything fancy with you when you go to a different place, like maybe a fancy phone to take selfies with the people there, because they could get jealous and their village or their group of people that they are living in could decline. You also need to **be respectful** of other cultures, so you don’t make you and your country look bad.

Anthropology is essentially a part of three things, Sociology, Psychology, and Biology, and divides into 4 things. Biological Anthropology is the study of human evolution and the variations of us as we were evolving. Linguistic Anthropology is the study of languages and how they relate to cultures and impact social life. Archeology is digging for objects from the past and studying them to know our past. And cultural Anthropology is the study of human cultures, how they differ from country to country and understanding why people do things differently from each other. If you are interested in history, Anthropology is a great place to start, because you can learn about how humans evolved over the years, the meaning of cultures and languages, and dig up and study ancient artifacts.

THIS IS GREAT! Only thing to do is add work cited IF you used any outside sources but it really looks like you drew from what you learned in class. I’m so, so, so happy that you enrolled in my class! I can’t wait to see the amazing stuff you’ll do in my cyborg class! ☺