

ANT 261: Science, Religion, and Society: Is the Truth Out There?
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Second Review Essay

The Second Review essay will give you a **head start on your final research paper**. Your essay should be no more than five (5) pages double-spaced type, and should be turned in before class on **Friday, 31 March by email** as an attachment (or by using the digital dropbox on Blackboard).

Extensive outside research is not required for this review essay, but you should have some readings on the specific details of your case study. A good answer will be focused and analytical; summarize the essential elements in the readings that you have selected, following a clear line of argument. **For textual citations, even though you are using class material, you should have a bibliography. Please use in-text citations as described in the “citing sources” handout.** You are encouraged to use resources such as classmates or the Writing Center to help you clarify your argument, but all work in the end should be your own. For insight into how I evaluate essays, please see the “Teaching Philosophy” section of my website, especially the handout on making an argument.

Review Essay Topic:

Based on the subject of your final research paper, **select two readings** from our class material that are applicable to your project. Discuss the theoretical premises/arguments of the authors, and show how you think these articles reveal important aspects of the social phenomenon that you are researching. While particular concepts provide greater depth in your analysis, overviews of the author’s wider approach should be identified so as to contextualize your own thinking.

While ideas from Tambiah and Latour may be cited in your paper, they cannot be one of the two readings that you select to examine. Furthermore, since this is not a draft of your paper (this is more like a literature review), the bulk of your paper should not be descriptions of your research project.

See me if you need further clarification of this review essay.