**REACTION PAPER – THINKING ANTHROPOLOGICALLY ON AN ISSUE**

**Assignment Information**

Students will have identified a contemporary world problem to address, and read 2 scholarly anthropological articles that discuss the topic. Using both these articles and *Humanity’s Last Stand*, write a 1000-word essay that attempts to distill an anthropological approach to a deeper understanding of the issue. Discuss how an anthropological imagination, a holistic, ethnographically grounded, historically informed analysis of the world system might be useful to thinking through this particular world problem. Following in the tradition of anthropology as cultural critique pioneered by Margaret Mead, students should attempt to imagine anthropologically grounded solutions to the issue.

**Citation** will be in the *American Anthropologist* format

***Students must also complete the citation quiz before submitting the assignment***

**Grading criteria:**

Students will be graded on how well they accomplish the criteria laid out above:

* Thorough and concise discussion of the issue
* Accurate and fair discussion of the anthropological articles cited
* Creative and appropriate application of the anthropological concepts to address the issue
* Complete and appropriate bibliography of anthropological sources
* Precision
* Organization
* Technical aspects (good grammar, following word length guidelines, etc.)

**15 points possible**