

People of the Earth

Introduction to World Prehistory

Anthro 2302

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Course Description:

This course surveys the long record of human biological and cultural evolution, a journey spanning over 5 million years. We will start with the earliest archaeological and fossil evidence of our human ancestors and follow these developments through the relatively recent achievements of agriculture and complex state level societies. Our analysis will draw on archaeological and anthropological discoveries from around the world, emphasizing how these data can inform present day issues facing society.

Required Texts:

Fagan, Brian

2007 *People of the Earth: An Introduction to World Prehistory*. Prentice Hall. Twelfth Edition.

on file in ISEM Library (Heroy 129)

Course Website:

This is a useful place to download the syllabus and all course assignments and study guides.

<http://faculty.smu.edu/trick/courses.htm>

Course Requirements:

Grades will be based on a midterm exam, two in class quizzes, two take-home assignments, and a final exam. The exams will involve multiple choice, true/false, and essay questions. Because many of the topics we will cover in lecture are only briefly mentioned in your readings, your success depends on your attendance in lecture.

Everyone is expected to follow the SMU honor code and violators will be prosecuted. I do not give makeup examinations or accept late assignments unless you have a note from your doctor or other viable source. If you have a documented disability and need special accommodations, please see me as soon as possible.

Grade Breakdown:

Quizzes (Sep 20 and Nov 1): 40 pts. total (10%)

Assignment 1 (Sep 13): 40 pts. (10%)

Assignment 2 (Nov 15): 40 pts. (10%)

Midterm (Oct 9): 140 (35%)

Final Exam (Dec 13): 140 (35%)

Total: 400 Pts.

