

Book Review Guide

DUE: 12/3/19

250pts

Goal: To read and review an anthropology book written for the general public.

Format: You are to build a website/blog for this review. Why? It will help you hone the ever-important skill of producing web content. Also, websites/blogs are a more accessible form for people to consume information.

What Book to Choose: You will be provided with a list of books (attached to this assignment) to choose from. You do not have to choose a book from this list. If you want to go off list, you must ok the book with me first.

Teamwork Statement: **NO ONE CAN READ THE SAME BOOK!** You can absolutely work together on this to help one another out with blog design – but, again, no two people can review the same book.

Website Guidance: You can (but do not have to) use ND Sites to make this site. Here is a link to ND sites (<http://sites.nd.edu/create-a-blog/>). You can also use any free website builder you like. However, you should review the following to make sure you are building this website in an ethically appropriate way (e.g. not plagiarizing)

Appropriate use:

https://policy.nd.edu/assets/185268/responsible_use_it_resources_2015.pdf

Copyright: <https://policy.nd.edu/assets/203061/intellectualpropertypolicy.pdf>

Remix at the Hesburgh Libraries is a wonderful resource on help for projects like this:
<https://remix.nd.edu/>

Remix Media Corps: group of people at Remix there to help you! They have “office hours” Sunday-Thursday from 3:30pm-9:30pm in 256 Hesburgh Library. You can book a consultation with them as well: <https://remix.nd.edu/media-corps/index.html>

Guidance on Producing a Book Review

Style: as this is your own personal blog about a book, I am giving you complete creative license (again follow appropriate use & copyright guidelines) to design this blog anyway you like.

Things to Think about for Content:

1. Make sure you include the title of the book and the author

2. Who is your audience for this book review? Adults? Adults with certain educational background? Children? College students? Only college dancers, for example? Think about your audience, and tailor your review for them.
3. A review is supposed to provide a concise summary
 - a. How you go about this is up to you – you can go chapter by chapter or summarize three chapters at a time, for example
 - b. Helpful to include a general description of the book, its topic, its genre, and its main argument
4. A review should also provide a critical assessment of the book
 - a. What did the author do well? Did they support their argument?
 - b. What did the author do terribly?
 - c. Did they get things completely, factually wrong? If so, what?
5. Provide an opinion on if others might like this book and why? Or what audience in particular might enjoy or hate this book and why.
6. What did you learn from this book?
7. What more did you wish the book covered? Or, in another way, what questions did this book leave you with?

Be sure to also turn in your self-reflection on this assignment!

1. What did you learn?
2. What challenges did you face while completing this assignment?
3. How did you overcome these challenges?
4. How successful do you think you were with your final product?
5. What do you think you could have done better?
6. How many points out of 250 do you think you earned?

I will be assessing you on your ability to address the points above in “Things to Think about for Content”.