

Writing Prompt #14  
Due 12/3

On Sakai, there is a folder entitled December 3 Readings – High Altitude Adaptations. This contains 5 files. This is the order you should read them in:

1. Beall 2005
2. Bigham et al. 2013
3. Nat Geo Everest
4. Mount Everest has gotten so crowded...
5. Trash on Everest

Pre-Reading Questions

1. What is your name?
2. How do you think humans physiologically and behaviorally cope with high altitude?
3. When it comes to extreme environments (hot, cold, high altitude), what makes high altitude different from the others?
4. If given the chance, would you climb Mount Everest? Why or why not?

Post-Reading Questions

1. Briefly explain the adaptive differences among high altitude populations from Tibet, the Andes, and Ethiopia.
2. What do you think these differences tell us about evolution?
3. What are your thoughts on the commercialization of Mt. Everest climbs? And your thoughts about how climbers leave the mountains and treat the Sherpas?
4. After the readings, have you changed your mind at all about question #4 from the pre-reading? Why or why not?
5. What are at least two questions you have from these readings?