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ANTY 352

ARCHAEOLOGY OF MONTANA



MWF, 12:00-12:50

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Course Description

ANTY 352 introduces students to the prehistory of Montana and the Northwestern Plains and Rocky Mountains. The class begins with an overview of regional environments and history of archaeological research, as well as a review of Native American hunter-gatherers in Montana and vicinity. In the first section of the course, we will read *Imagining Head-Smashed-In*, Jack Brink's excellent study of buffalo hunting in the Northern Plains. This book is available as a free digital download on our class' Moodle site. The class then delves into the prehistory of the State of Montana and vicinity, including in-depth reviews of important archaeological sites dating to the Paleoindian, Plains Archaic (including Early, Middle, and Late sub-periods), Late Prehistoric, and Plains/Plateau Village periods. During this section of the course, we will read *Montana Before History* (purchase at bookstore, \$20 or download the Amazon kindle version for \$9.99). We will also occasionally read a few important articles that I will put on Moodle. In the last few weeks, students will learn about rock art of Montana, as outlined in Keyser and Klassen's *Plains Indian Rock Art* book (purchase at bookstore, \$25). After the course, students will have a well-grounded knowledge in the prehistory of Montana and vicinity. Videos will be shown on moodle in lieu of class lecture on occasional Fridays (review the syllabus for those dates).

Course Requirements

Students will take 2 moodle exams (a midterm of 100 points and final exam of 100 points). There are five online Moodle quizzes worth 40 points each (200 total). These quizzes must be taken on Moodle by the deadline, after which they are permanently closed. In sum, there are 400 points available in the class, with grading based on a standard percentage of 100 (e.g., 360 points is 90% and is an A-).

Required Books

- 1) *Montana Before History* (MBH), by me, (\$20 at Bookstore); Amazon Kindle Edition: \$9.99
 - 2) *Imagining Head-Smashed-In* (IHSI) by Jack W. Brink (free Moodle download)
 - 3) *Plains Indian Rock Art* (PIRA) by James D. Keyser and Michael A. Klassen (~25.00 at bookstore)
- Assorted short articles will also be posted on Moodle for you to download/read.

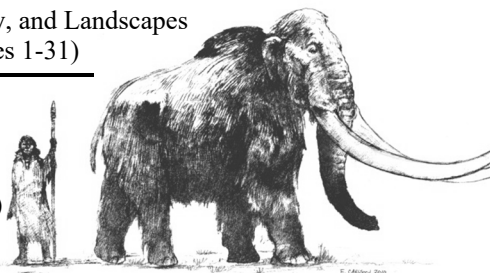
WEEKLY SYLLABUS & SCHEDULE OF ASSIGNMENTS

Week 1: January 19-21

Topics: Background: Course Overview, History of Research, Chronology, and Landscapes
Readings: PIRA (Chapter 4: 41-69); IHSI (Chapters 1-3: 1-70); MBH (Pages 1-31)

Week 2: January 24-January 28

Topics: Montana Environments and Hunter-Gatherers
Readings: PIRA (Pages 57-69); IHSI (Chapters 4-7)
Movie Friday: *Buffalo People* (no class lecture on Friday; watch movie instead)



Week 3: January 31 to February 4

Topics: The Hunter-Gatherers of Montana and Introduction to the Prehistory of Montana
Readings: IHSI (Chapters 8-9)
Movie Friday: *Story of the Bitterroot* (no class lecture on Friday; watch movie instead)

QUIZ 1 (40 POINTS): TAKE ON MOODLE BY SUNDAY, February 6 (11:59PM)

Week 4: February 7-11

Topics: Prehistory of Montana: overview & Clovis
Readings: MBH (Pages 31-38); Moodle: Read Anzick DNA article
Movie Friday: *First People* Movie (no class lecture; watch movie on moodle instead)

QUIZ 2 (40 POINTS): TAKE ON MOODLE BY SUNDAY, FEB. 13 (11:59 PM)

Week 5: February 14-18

Topics: Montana Paleoindians after Clovis

Readings: MBH (Pages 31-58)

Movie Friday: *Watch People of the Hearth on Moodle (no class lecture on Friday, Feb. 18)*

Week 6: February 23-25 (no class Monday, Feb. 21/President's Day)

Topics: Human Adaptation during the Altithermal: Early Archaic Period

Readings: MBH (Pages 59-73); Moodle: Yellowstone Lake Early Archaic article

QUIZ 3 (40 POINTS): TAKE ON MOODLE BY SUNDAY, February 27 (11:59 PM)

Week 7: February 28 to March 4

Topics: A Time of Transition: Middle Archaic Period

Readings: MBH (Pages 74-94)



Week 8: March 7-11

Wednesday/Friday Topics: The Early Buffalo Hunters: Late Archaic Period

Readings: MBH (Pages 95-122); Moodle: Yellowstone Bank Cache article

Week 9: March 14-18

Finish any remaining lecture material prior to exam; Wednesday: Midterm Exam review

MIDTERM EXAM (100 points): Friday, March 18 (moodle)

Week 10: March 21-25

SPRING BREAK

Week 11: March 28-April 1

Topics: The Era of Buffalo Hunters and Villages: Late Prehistoric Period

Readings: MBH (Pages 123-159)

Movie Friday Watch Montana 1492, Parts 1 and 2 (No class on Friday; watch moodle movies instead)

Week 12: April 6-8 (no class Monday, April 4/prof. out)

Topics: Introduce Rock Art in Montana & Early Hunting and Columbia Plateau Traditions

Readings: PIRA: Chapters 1-3 (1-40) and Chapters 6-7 (75-106)

QUIZ 4 (40 POINTS): TAKE ON MOODLE BY SUNDAY, April 10 (11:59 PM)

Week 13: April 11-15

Topics: Rock Art of Montana: Dinwoody and Foothills-Abstract Traditions

Readings: PIRA: Chapters 8 & 11 (107-126, 151-176); Moodle: Bear Gulch article

Movie Friday Watch Loendorf video lecture on Moodle on Friday (no class)



Week 14: April 18-22

Topics: Rock Art of Montana: Ceremonial and Biographic Traditions

Readings: PIRA: Chapters 13-14 (191-256)

QUIZ 5 (40 POINTS): TAKE ON MOODLE BY SUNDAY, April 24 (11:59 PM)

Week 15: April 25-29

Topics: Rock Art: Finish remaining lecture material and have Final Exam Review

Readings: PIRA: catch up on any unfinished readings



Week 16: May 2-6

Topic: Finish any remaining lecture material and Final Exam Review

FINAL EXAM, FRIDAY MAY 6, 100 POINTS (MOODLE)