

Anthropology 168
Archaeological Method and Theory
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Final Paper Brainstorming Exercise

This assignment is an exercise to help define your final paper topic. Please write one to two pages about the topic or topics related to archaeology that you find most interesting or important. Is there any archaeological site that has captured your imagination? Is there a question about the past that you would like some answers to? Are there any problems or inconsistencies that you see in the way we try to understand the past through archaeological research? Is there a method of archaeological study that you would like to know more about? Anything is fair game here.

If you already have a specific topic in mind, you should use this assignment to begin to define the scope of your paper. What particular aspects of your topic are you going to focus on? What information and evidence will you need to look for to write your paper? Are there any questions that you would like some help with?

You should not need to do any outside reading or research for this assignment, though you may of course examine or refer to any sources that you wish.

Please note: although this is a relatively unstructured thought paper, you should still turn in a finished, structured, and proof-read assignment. This assignment will help get your ideas into a more structured format, so spend some time refining and organizing your ideas.

Please turn in no later than **Tuesday, March 14**, but if you would like some earlier feedback you may give it to me sooner. Once I receive your assignment I will try to offer some ideas and suggestions to help you proceed.