**Introductory Paragraph:**

This paragraph provides an overview of the paper and must include a *thesis statement*, which is a declarative statement about the community that is based on the research and data presented in the body. The thesis statement should tell the reader what the paper is about and be grounded in at least three points presented in the paper. For example, ‘*The Amish people of Lancaster are bound by shared religious beliefs and practices (point #1), shared ideas about gender, family and household,(point #2), and the common struggle to maintain tradition in a rapidly globalizing world (point #3)*.” Since the introduction is based on the body, it should be written last.

**Body Paragraph One:**

This paragraph elaborates on **research and** **data tied to the first point in the thesis statement**. The data should have intext citations linking the information to the bibliography. The data should be presented *using anthropological terms and concepts presented in the lessons, lectures, and readings*. End the paragraph with a transition sentence that leads to the next paragraph (ie. ‘In addition to point one, point two.’) or use subtitles for each paragraph.

**Body Paragraph Two:**

This paragraph elaborates on **research and** **data tied to the second point in the thesis statement.** With the same criteria applied to Body Paragraph One.

**Body Paragraph Three:**

This paragraph elaborates on **research and** **data tied to the third point in the thesis statement.** With the same criteria applied to Body Paragraph One.

**Conclusion Paragraph:**

This paragraph closes the paper by reiterating the thesis statement with elaborations using terms and concepts from the readings. The final sentence should also point the reader in a direction such as: the need for more research in this area; in light of this, then that; research presented here seriously calls to question..; etc.

**References**

There should be at least five scholarly sources that are properly formatted (any style) and cited in text. Note the syllabus and assignment description state failure to cite data is an automatic ‘0.’

**Formatting:** minimum five pages (it is OK to go over), Times New Roman, 12 point font, one-inch margins, no extra spaces between paragraphs, name date and title in header, tile page is not required and does not count toward five page minimum, references should be on a separate page and do not count toward five page minimum.

**Suggestions:** Place thesis statement and anthropological terms and concepts from the course in italics or bold to make them easy to recognize. Terms and concepts from course are in italics or bold within each weblesson. Generic terms such as ‘family,’ ‘culture,’ etc. do not meet criteria as anthropological terms. Yet, use of concepts such as *the idea of family is socially constructed* or *children in the community are enculturated to accept*… meet the criteria as using anthropological concepts.