

Starting Points for Essay Research in ANT100Y

NOTE: Don't forget to look at the reference lists at the end of the required readings for your topic. Some of the books mentioned will be placed on short-term loan in Robarts Library, and all the journal articles are available online through U of T Library. You can also ask a librarian to help you find recent scholarly articles that cite and comment on the readings.

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OVERVIEWS

Before you choose the scholarly readings for your essay, you may want to read other material to gain background information, get a quick overview of the topic, and supplement your understanding of course material. This step will also help you create an interesting research question and strong complex thesis. Here are some high-quality resources. Your instructors and TAs will add more to the list periodically, including a list of books available on short-term loan.

WEBSITES

There is nothing wrong with using Google or any other search engine to find initial information to help you start thinking about your topic. (See below on using Scholar's Portal to find scholarly sources.)

Please remember, however, that you may not count websites as scholarly sources. Many websites do offer interesting views into the discipline, but remember that they have not been verified by peer review and the information in them may need further research. Two websites listed below are particularly relevant to the first two fields in the course:

- [Primate Info Net: Library and Information Service](#), which is administered and maintained by the National Primate Research Center at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, is a nexus of fascinating facts and valuable analyses pertaining to primate ecology and bioconservation.
- Interesting and important leads may also be found at the [Society for American Archaeology](#) and the [Canadian Archaeological Association](#).

ONLINE REFERENCE WORKS

Wikipedia is not to be shunned as another starting point (but again, take everything in *Wikipedia* with a grain of salt). It offers a wealth of information that you may use as possible pointers to your research—but do not reference *Wikipedia* as a scholarly reference, which it is not. Do not quote *Wikipedia* in your paper unless your paper is wholly or in part *about* *Wikipedia* as such.

Specialized scholarly encyclopedias such as the ones noted below (all provided online by U of T Libraries) can provide overviews of topics, background information about specific items, and definition of common terms in the discipline. Look also at the reference lists provided with articles in these works (though they will lack very recent items).

NOTE: Again, you may not count this material as scholarly sources in terms of the essay requirements.

NOTE: Ordinarily, reference works are not cited in scholarly publications, because they mainly consist of "common knowledge," that is, standard ideas in the field. However, if you find ideas in scholarly reference works that are not common knowledge and are important for your essay, be sure to cite them in your paper and list the specific encyclopedia entry by author and title in your reference list.

[Encyclopedia of anthropology](#) 2006

[The dictionary of anthropology](#) 2000, 1997

[Encyclopedia of human evolution and prehistory](#) 2000

[Encyclopedia of social and cultural anthropology](#) 1996

[Biographical dictionary of social and cultural anthropology](#) 2004

[Ethnologue: Languages of the World](#) 2009

[Ethnic Groups Worldwide](#) 1998

[A Dictionary of Sociology](#) 1998

USING SCHOLAR'S PORTAL TO FIND SCHOLARLY MATERIAL

The Scholar's Portal database is your key resource for finding relevant material for your university papers. You can take workshops about using it through campus libraries, and you are always welcome to ask a reference librarian to help you with a specific search. Here are the basic steps for using it:

1. Go the list of popular databases at discover.library.utoronto.ca/resources-research/e-resources/popular-databases, then select "Scholars Portal Search (interdisciplinary)".
2. Input your desired search terms in either Quick Search (faster) or Advanced Search (more precise), choosing Social Sciences for the field, and 2005-present for the date range as a start. Look under the "Scholars" tab for results. Try again with different search terms or other fields or dates if necessary. The "KW" (keyword) method usually works best unless you are looking for a specific author or title.

NOTE: Formulating specific and precise research terms is a challenge in all academic work. You can ask a reference librarian to work with you at this stage.

3. Supplying your UTORid to authenticate as a U of T student as necessary, follow the given links and skim the abstracts and articles. Take some time at this step to find the most useful for the

ideas you want to explore in your essay. Remember to save your search results so you can come back to them for more intensive reading and annotation.

OTHER DATABASES FOR FINDING SCHOLARLY MATERIAL

This is a partial list of other databases for finding scholarly sources in Anthropology. They are used mainly by more advanced students and scholars.

[Anthropology Plus](#)

[AnthroSource](#)

[Abstracts in Anthropology](#)

[International Bibliography of the Social Sciences \(IBSS\)](#)

[eHRAF World Cultures](#)

[Social Sciences Abstracts @ Scholars Portal](#)

[Humanities & Social Sciences Index Retrospective](#)

[Bibliografía Mesoamericana](#)

[Linguistics & Language Behavior Abstracts \(LLBA\)](#)

[Social Sciences Citation Index](#)

[Anthropological Index](#)

KEY JOURNALS IN ANTHROPOLOGY

These are partial lists of journals that publish scholarly articles relevant to the four fields covered in ANT100Y. Nearly all are available online (see the E-Journals tab on the Library homepage). You can refer to this list if you're wondering whether specific articles found by your search are likely suitable to ANT100. Or you may want to browse or search specific journals; special-topic issues, for instance, could be goldmines for your purposes.

General / Inclusive

American Anthropologist

Annual Review of Anthropology

Current Anthropology

Man

Biological Anthropology

American journal of primatology

International journal of primatology

Primates

Journal of human evolution

Journal of evolutionary biology

Archaeology

Antiquity

Archaeological Dialogues
Cambridge Archaeological Journal
Journal of Anthropological Archaeology
Journal of Archaeological Method and Theory
Journal of Archaeological Research
Journal of Field Archaeology
Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute of Great Britain and Ireland
Journal of World Prehistory
Oxford Journal of Archaeology
Reviews in Anthropology
World Archaeology

Linguistic and Semiotic Anthropology

Anthropological Linguistics
Discourse and Society
Ethos
Journal of Linguistic Anthropology
Language
Language in Society
Metaphor and Symbol
Semiotica
Journal of Popular Culture

Social and Cultural Anthropology

American Ethnologist
Cultural Anthropology
Ethnology
Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute
Social Anthropology/Anthropologie Sociale

BOOKS ON SHORT-TERM LOAN

To make access more equitable, some of the books mentioned in the required readings for your topic have been placed on three-hour loan in Robarts Library or Gerstein Library. To check which books are available this way, start from the [Library Homepage](#) and go to the page for **Course Reserves** (it's one of the Quick Links). Search by the course title **Introduction to Anthropology**, then look for the course code **ANT100Y1 Y11**. You will see different listings under two instructor names: **Skrivanic** (the Lead Writing TA) and **Kalmar** (the course coordinator). The Details button for each item will give you its location, publication information, and call number. (Sometimes a circulation copy is also available.)