

COMPARATIVE CULTURES

Study List for Exam 1 Spring 2010

A. Shoshone Indians of the Great Basin

1. What are their five major problems of production and reproduction?
2. Describe how the Shoshone adapt to their difficult environment to solve these problems. (Include social organization and subsistence techniques.)
3. Describe how the Owens Valley Shoshone differ from the Great Basin Shoshone.

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B. The !Kung Bushmen of the Kalihari live in a difficult environment.

Using the readings and readings as sources, DESCRIBE:

1. How they traditionally got food and the pattern of resource use. Did they work hard? Who did what? Who provided what kind of food? Where did most of the calories come from?
2. How their lives changed during the wet and dry seasons?
3. Who lived in a camp? What was the group size? Describe the family form and kinship.
4. Their naming system and joking and avoidance relationships. How do these complicate marriage?
5. What happened if there was conflict? Describe the levels of conflict and the possible outcomes.

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C. Pygmies (Mbuti) of the equatorial rain forest also live under difficult conditions for a technologically simple society.

Using the readings and classroom materials as sources, DESCRIBE:

1. Their home environment. What conditions do they face? What are the resources like?
2. Their technology. What kinds of tools, different hunting techniques, etc. do they use? (Especially for subsistence.)

