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ANT 101: INTRODUCTION TO ANTHROPOLOGY

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Introduction to the class

- **COMPLEX SOCIETIES** are those in which hierarchically ordered social components exhibit marked functional differentiation and specialization.
- **ANTHROPOLOGY** is the scientific study of human beings, their origins, distribution, physical attributes, and culture.
 - 4 subfields make up anthropology:
 - **1) PHYSICAL:** the origins and evolution of humans and how and why populations vary
 - **2) CULTURAL:** the culture or customary ways of thinking and behaving
 - **3) LINGUISTICS:** languages
 - **4) ARCHEOLOGY:** study of past human societies and cultures and their change through time.
- **HISTORY**
 - Empires always collect information on people they subjugate for purposes of taxation and control
 - Only in the XIX century (19th) century did the discipline of anthropology develop
 - The British and French Empires initiated the collection of information of the 'other' in a systematic way
 - Anthropology was initially at the service of the empires

- The advances of biology(taxonomy), geology(stratigraphy), and economic studies created a basis for the development of anthropology as a discipline.

- **INFLUENCING FACTORS**

- The desire to understand the variation in customs in the colonies demanded a clear knowledge of exotic customs such as marriage and religion.
- The curiosity in the past of those that were colonized was aroused due to the complexity observed
 - Ex) The ruins of Egyptians, Persians, and Inca
- The need to manage the colonized peoples demanded an understanding of the legal structures that they had.
 - This is why early works in anthropology were written by lawyers such as:
 - **SIR HENRY SUMNER MAINE** (published in 1861)
 - **LEWIS H. MORGAN**
 - Known as the father of anthropology
 - His most important works were on the study of kinship and evolution of society
 - He had influence on Karl Marx
 - He Proposed evolution of societies in 3 periods:
 - 1.) Savagery
 - 2.) Barbarism
 - 3.) Civilization