



BIOLOGICAL ANTHROPOLOGY WITH DR EMILY EMMOTT AND DR MASAHITO MORITA

TALKING POINTS

KNOWLEDGE

1. Can you list three key traits of adolescence?
2. What did the teenagers in Emily and Masahito's study often take pictures of?

COMPREHENSION

3. How would you describe the main differences between adolescence and childhood?
4. What differences did Emily find between the photos taken by teenagers in England and Japan?

APPLICATION

5. What steps would you take to compare the photos taken by teenagers in two different cultures?
6. What might you look for in teenagers' photos to study their risk-taking behaviour? Have a look at more photos from the project to aid your discussion: www.adolescentsociality.com/photos

ANALYSIS

7. What evidence do biological anthropologists have that suggests that adolescence could be an evolutionary advantage?

SYNTHESIS

8. Do you think that asking teenagers to take photos of their lives is a better way to collect data than other techniques, like a survey for example?

EVALUATION

9. Why do you think that teenagers in different cultures experience adolescence in different ways?
10. What subjects do you think would commonly appear in the photos of teenagers living in other countries around the world? Are you familiar with other cultures around the world? What do you think photographs would reveal about teenagers living in these different cultures?

ACTIVITIES YOU CAN DO AT HOME OR IN THE CLASSROOM

- Like the teenagers in Emily and Masahito's study, take photos of everyday things in your own life for a week. After looking back on your pictures, write down a few subjects that appear multiple times. Compare your subjects with others in a small group in your class, and discuss how researchers like Emily and Masahito could use them to gain a better understanding of your experience of adolescence.
- Watch Emily's fascinating lecture on biological anthropology and adolescence:
mediacentral.ucl.ac.uk/Player/3A4BA2i1

MORE RESOURCES

- To find out more about their research, visit Emily and Masahito's project website: www.adolescentsociality.com

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- Get in touch with biological anthropologists at UCL at anthroschools@ucl.ac.uk, where you can directly ask questions about their research. If you want to know more about studying anthropology in general, take a look at UCL AnthroSchools: www.ucl.ac.uk/anthropology/anthroschools
- Find out more useful information at the European Human Behaviour & Evolution Association (www.cambridge.org/core/membership/ehbea), and the Human Behavior & Evolution Society (www.hbes.com)
- In Japan, the Human Behavior & Evolution Society of Japan (www.hbesj.org) and Anthropological Society of Nippon (anthropology.jp) have even more useful information.