

ANTHROPOLOGY WITH TAYLOR VAN DOREN AND PROFESSOR LISA SATTENSPIEL

TALKING POINTS

KNOWLEDGE

1. What are the four subfields of anthropology?
2. How was influenza primarily spread around the world in 1918?
3. What caused life in Newfoundland in 1918 to be 'very difficult'?

APPLICATION

4. How would you use death records to learn about the 1918 influenza pandemic? What could you learn from the data contained within them?
5. How would you use newspaper articles to learn about the 1918 influenza pandemic? What information do you think you could extract from them, and how would you analyse it?

ANALYSIS

6. How did social inequalities in Newfoundland result in different mortality outcomes between different populations?
7. If you repeated Taylor and Lisa's investigation into the outcomes of the 1918 influenza pandemic, but in a different location in the world, do you think you would find similar results? Why, or why not?
8. Why do you think it is important that anthropologists have a strong background in both life science and social science subjects?

SYNTHESIS

9. What can anthropologists learn from the 1918 pandemic that would help us better understand the societal impacts of COVID-19?
10. What do you think Taylor means when she says social sciences can be combined with life sciences to 'produce a whole that is greater than the sum of its parts'? Why is it important to integrate them?

EVALUATION

11. When the next pandemic occurs, do you think we will have learnt lessons from COVID-19 and the 1918 influenza pandemic about the significance of social inequality on mortality outcomes? How do you think we will respond?
12. Do you have the skills needed by anthropologists? How could you develop these?

ACTIVITIES YOU CAN DO AT HOME OR IN THE CLASSROOM

1. In pairs, create a mind map starting with the four subfields of anthropology. Use the internet to research areas of study within each subfield and interesting research projects that address each topic. www.americananthro.org is a good place to start your research.
2. Choose an anthropological topic that interests you and design your own research project to investigate it. What research question(s) do you want to answer? What data will you need to collect? How will you analyse this data? What results will you hope to find?

MORE RESOURCES

- Listen to anthropology podcasts from the American Anthropological Association:
www.americananthro.org/StayInformed/Content.aspx?ItemNumber=1629&navItemNumber=704
- Learn more about the 1918 influenza pandemic
www.cdc.gov/flu/pandemic-resources/1918-pandemic-h1n1.html
- Watch this video to learn about the history of anthropology and some of the key thinkers in the field:
www.youtube.com/watch?v=J5agIbgTEig

HEAD TO TAYLOR AND LISA'S FUTURUM WEBPAGE FOR AN ANIMATION ABOUT THEIR RESEARCH:
www.futurumcareers.com/what-lessons-can-we-learn-from-past-pandemics