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Q1(c)

Historical Particularism and Franz Boas

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2021 · Anthropology GS 1 · 10 marks · Historical particularism (Boas)

(b) Historical particularism (Boas); Diffusionism (British, German and American)

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Boas

Trained the first U.S. professional cohort and separated race from language and culture.

Kwakiutl and Inuit

Northwest Coast and Arctic fieldwork grounded his attack on armchair stages.

Culture area

Kroeber's mapping of trait clusters was a particularist, not a unilinear, comparison.

The Mind of Primitive Man

Boas's book denied that so-called primitive minds were biologically inferior.

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