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Anthropology short notes

Scope of Anthropology.

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Short notes by official syllabus heading.

Revision notes for the Anthropology optional. Confirm thinkers and examples against standard texts and recent papers.

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Scope**Definition**

Scope spans four branches (CLAP) - Cultural, Linguistic, Archaeological and Physical anthropology - plus applied work in health, development, forensics and policy.

Example / case study

Medical anthropology explains why vaccination or healing behaviour differs by culture, not only by biology. Forensic anthropology identifies human remains after disasters or crime, linking osteology to identity.

Thinkers

Franz Boas - four-field approach: biological, archaeological, linguistic and cultural study of humans together. Ralph Piddington - mapped economic anthropology around production, distribution and consumption in social context.

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