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Highlight the differences and similarities between totemism and animism

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Primitive Culture

Tylor's work that defined animism as the minimum definition of religion.

The Elementary Forms of Religious Life

Durkheim's study that took Australian totemism as the clue to the sacred.

Totem

A species or object that stands for a clan and is hedged by taboo and rite.

Intellectualism

Tylor's view that religion begins in inference from dreams and death.

Society as sacred

Durkheim's claim that in worshipping the totem the clan worships its own unity.

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