

ARCHY/ANTH 469 Cities – Fall 2011
Opinion Paper
Assignment details

Paper content:

Your paper must state your opinion (you can choose either pro or con) on **one** of the following two statements:

1. *Group religious practice was the catalyst for the construction of the earliest cities.*
2. *The modern city has erased spirituality as a foundation of urban communities.*

Begin by stating your opinion (repeat the statement you choose to argue and state pro or con), then justify your opinion using published literature. You must cite at least one reading from our class, but you are welcome to use any other sources you wish, including lecture and class discussion.

Due dates:

1. First draft due **Wednesday 10/26**. Bring a printed+stapled copy with you to class for review by your classmates. We will collect the reviewed papers after class, add our own comments and return to you so that you can make revisions. Your first draft is NOT graded, only your final draft. Pick up your reviewed paper in the Anthropology Offices (Denny Hall mezzanine) beginning on **Friday, 10/28** (office open M-F 9-4:30).
2. Final version due **Monday 11/7**. Bring a print out of your paper to class, stapled to your first draft with peer review comments included. Grade is determined by how well you justify your stated opinion, clarity of writing and how well you incorporated reviewer critiques.

Length: 2-3 pages double-spaced **not including** bibliography or figures.

Contribution to final course grade: 15%

Need help?

The UW Libraries are a great source for published literature, of course, and they also have some nice guidelines on how to properly cite sources and other writing assistance: <http://guides.lib.washington.edu/citations>

You are also welcome to come to office hours for either Peter or Danny, and you should receive helpful feedback from your peer and instructor reviews of your first draft, plus you will be able to read other people's papers and see how they grappled with the subject.