



Day 1 –

What is Anthropology?

*And why does
Tik Tok matter?*

Objectives

- ▶ Define Anthropology and discuss why it would matter
- ▶ Understand the role of culture in Anthropology
- ▶ Discuss globalization - and its aspects

▶ *Terms:*

- ▶ Anthropology
- ▶ Sociology
- ▶ Society
- ▶ Culture
- ▶ Globalization
- ▶ Artifact

ANTHROPOLOGY

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“Anthropology is the science which tells us that people are the same the whole world over—except when they are different..”

- Jeremy Clarkson

**“There is no such thing as human nature
– there is only nature”**

– Charles Darwin

“We’ve got to make the world safe for differences”

- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



What is Anthropology ?



Anthropology

- ▶ The study of human societies, cultures and their development, and human biological and physiological characteristics, along and their evolution.
- ▶ *Do we WANT to write all that?*
- ▶ How bout this:
- ▶ The Study of Human Beings
- ▶ *Who we are, how humans came to be that way, and what our past can tell us about the future.*

Along with Anthropology...

► Sociology

► The study of society and social problems

► *Like the ones Jr High Cadets Have?*

► *What about things like crime, poverty, environmental concerns, COVID 19, Utah drivers, or just monsters who put ketchup on mac 'n cheese?*

► *YES... all these and more*

► *But what is “society”?*



Along with Anthropology...

▶ Society

- ▶ Interacting group of people that *share the same culture*
- ▶ *But what is “culture”?*
 - ▶ Do we all have one?

▶ Culture

- ▶ The set of beliefs, values, and practices that a group of people have in common
- ▶ Their “way of life”



"People not from here don't understand. It's not a weapon—it's a way of life."



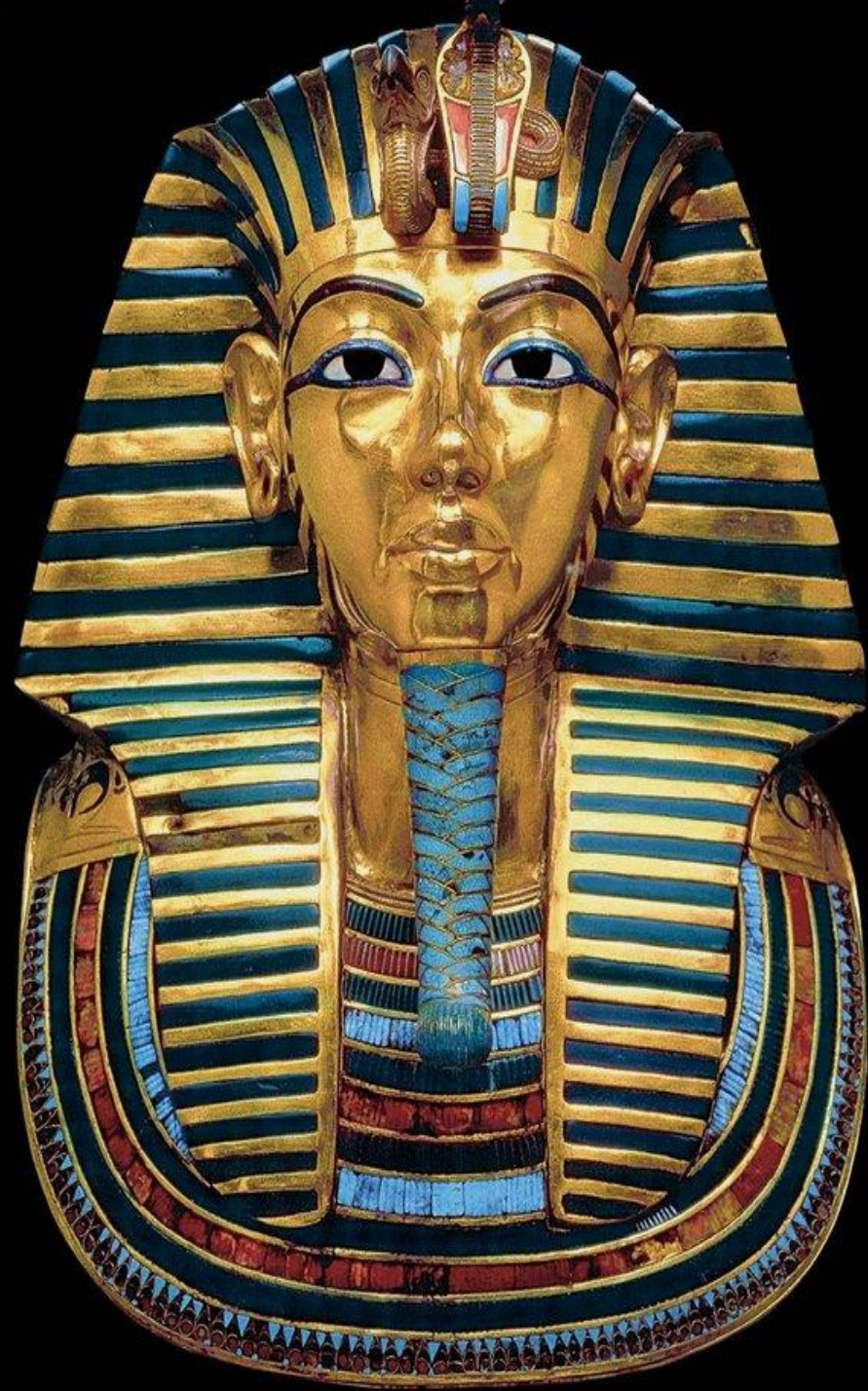
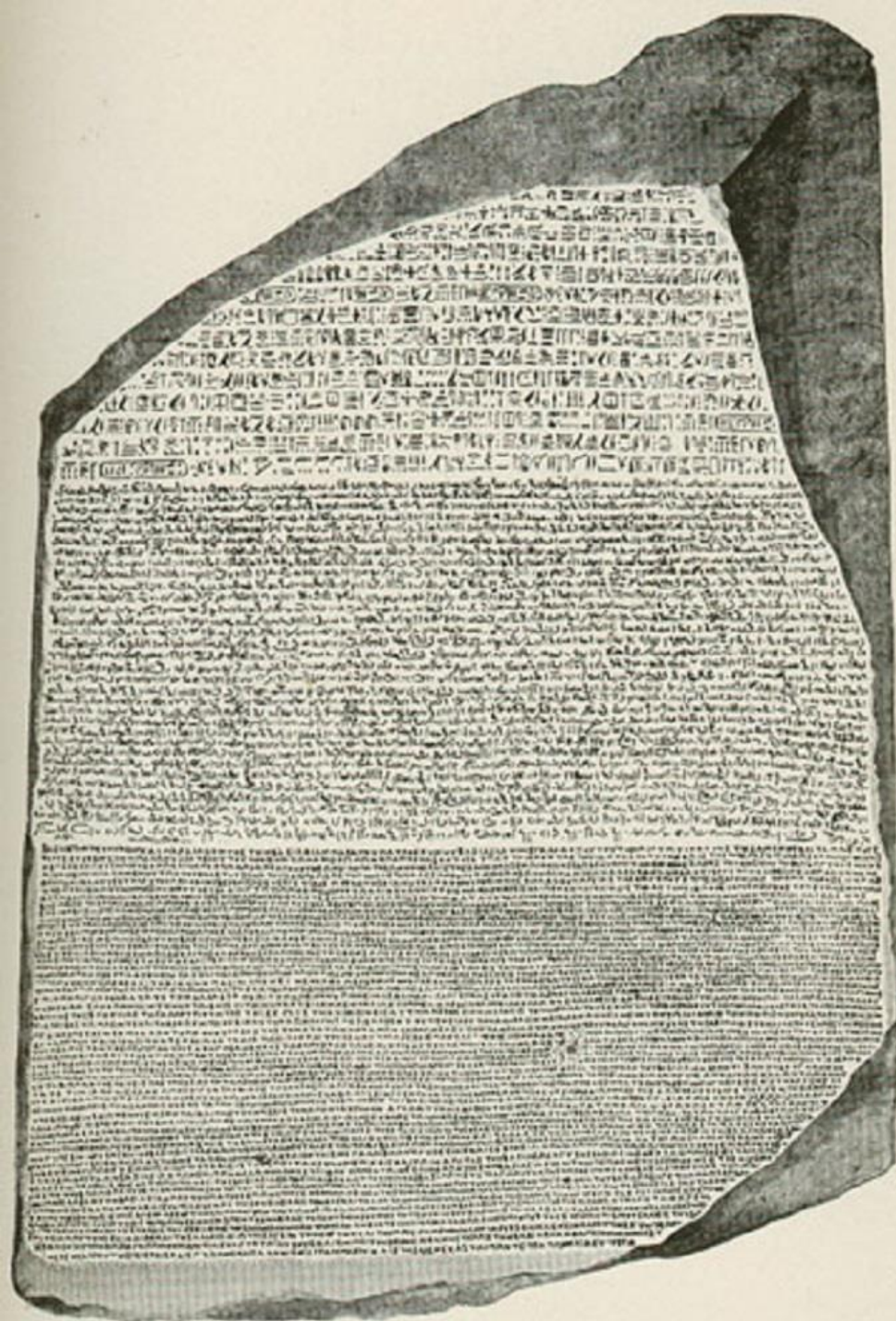
Is there such
thing as
World
Culture?

It's A Small World After All...

- ▶ With one of the biggest changes in anthropology, technology, the “world culture” is shifting, and many argue that we are moving towards...
- ▶ **Globalization**
 - ▶ *Process by which* people all over the world become part of the same society
- ▶ Is this a thing?
- ▶ Is this a *good* thing?
- ▶ Are there ways this is a bad thing?

Tools of Anthropology

- ▶ *Obviously there's the literal ones like hammers, brushes, and books, but one of the greatest ways to study a society (Ancient or Modern) is through its...*
- ▶ **Artifact**
 - ▶ Anything **MADE** by humans, or significantly changed by them
 - ▶ Usually reflective of their society and culture
 - ▶ *More on TOOLS later...*
 - ▶ *They separate us from the animals*



And so...

- ▶ *Anthropology seeks to answer one of the eternal questions of “where are we headed” by answering “where have we come from”*
- ▶ *Maybe one day we'll HAVE flying cars, and all speak one language, or be living in Wakanda...*
- ▶ *For now, I just want to exit YouTube with the music still playing*
- ▶ *Anthropology has a lot of mysteries... so “pony up” and get ready to learn...*



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