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## How I Grade Essays

When evaluating your essays I ask myself these questions:

- ☞ Did the student answer the question?
- ☞ Did the student show a clear understanding of the material by presenting both analytical generalizations [also called thesis statements] and specific factual data to support the generalizations?
- ☞ Did the student use anthropological terms and concepts from the lectures, text, and readings?
- ☞ Did the student communicate an understanding of anthropological terms by explaining and defining them?
- ☞ Did the student use specific examples from text, ethnographies, supplementary readings, videos, lectures, and personal experiences? Note that additional credit is given when multiple sources are included.
- ☞ Did the students get the facts correct?
- ☞ Did the student use appropriate grammar and language?

When you receive your graded exam, ask yourself “Did I...?”