

# Ethnography: Humans in different Lights

Most sciences want to break something down so it seems simpler, but in anthropology you want to embrace complexities. Anthropology is the study of humans and the art of being human and humans are complex beings. One of the ways to tell the stories of humans and being humans is through ethnography. Ethnography is exploring a culture or telling someone's or something's story through their point of view. Such as following the everyday life of an office worker.

There are many different ways to tell ethnography style stories. Some tell stories through a series of pictures while others create video games. There is also a type of ethnography, called sensory ethnography, that mostly focuses on the sound of the environment around a person. Some ethnographers use the natural sounds that are currently being recorded while others utilize objects to recreate the sounds and voice them over videos.

Ethnography is definitely an art style, no matter which way is used to tell the story. Some people tell stories by creating poems and some are using newer technology to allow someone to have a closer experience to stories by experiencing them in virtual reality. A lot of Ethnography styled videos appear to lack conversations happening over the scenes or even in them. They try to speak more with emotional connections to what is happening by showing it in a way that is almost artistic, even though it is usually something that happens in the daily lives of what is being recorded.

Notes to self: I will need to spend some time playing around with Ethnography to try and find a style that I like. Once I find a style I will practice it some and get ready for the challenge.