

1 Introduction

1.1 The Four Fields of Anthropology

- Cultural Anthropology
 - Study of contemporary humans/human societies
- Linguistic Anthropology
 - Study of language and communication
- Archaeology
 - Study of past human societies; deep time
- Physical/Biological Anthropology
 - Study of human biology and evolution

1.2 Holistic Approach to Humanity

- Pre/Historical
- Biological
- Social
- Language

1.3 When did Anthropology Begin?

- Formalized in 1800s
- Distinct from sociology
 - Who did it study?
 - * Sociologists studied 'Western complex societies'
 - * Anthropologists studied 'the exotic other'
 - How was it studied?
 - * Sociologists tended to use quantitative data
 - * Anthropologists used qualitative data

1.4 Handmaiden to Colonialism

- Anthropologists originally employed to make colonialism easier
- Realized quickly how much colonialism was destroying cultures
- Became advocates for the people they studied