

## Film Assignment: Cannibalism in the Canyon

5% Final grade

Viewed in class: Tuesday, February 16

Due: Tuesday, February 28 (in class)

Review the following questions prior to viewing the *Secrets of the Dead* video, and make brief notes to help you answer the questions. If you find miss something in the film and you can't answer a question there is a copy of the film transcript on the course home page. Answers should be in sentence format and provide as complete an answer as possible. Your assignment must be typed and handed in on the due date in class.

### Questions

1. What were the general characteristics of Anasazi society?
2. What is Turner's general argument about the Anasazi?
3. What did the early archaeologists (1890s) at Chaco Canyon think? Why?
4. What do the modern Hopi think about Turner's assertions?
5. What are the characteristic signatures on bone of butchering animals for food?
6. What are the six forensic indicators of cannibalism which Turner has enumerated?
7. Why does the research of Richard Marlar suggest about the possibilities of cannibalism?
8. What are the possible alternative explanations of social behavior based on the observed patterns in the data?
9. Why does Turner think that 'external influences' may have played a part in the arrival of cannibalism amongst the Anasazi? What evidence does he have for this? Why is this so controversial?
10. If there were external influences on the Anasazi, what role does Turner suggest cannibalism played in their society?