STUDY GUIDE

CHAPTER FIFTEEN—The Struggle for Cultural Survival, Revival, and Revitalization

Chapter Themes	Considers how people—in small indigenous societies and large modern
	states—act to protect, promote, and perpetuate their cultures, including
	formal cultural movements, responses to modernity, and competing
	outlooks for the future of culture
Chapter Learning	Appreciate that all living societies are more or less integrated into
Goals	the modern world, and that many if not all have developed a more
	or less ethnographic consciousness of themselves
	Know how the Fourth World differs from the first three worlds
	Recognize the unique challenges to and the unique interests of
	indigenous peoples
	Understand that non-Western and indigenous peoples are capable of
	and often intent upon speaking for themselves and their own culture
	Be able to contrast "culture" from "cultural movement"
	Know Anthony Wallace's concept of revitalization movement and
	its main types or elements, with examples of each, and be able to
	apply the typology to one's own society
	Explain the steps in the revitalization/cultural movement process
	Discuss how "tradition" is a resource in the contemporary struggle
	for survival and self-determination
	Compare "modern" and "postmodern" culture or experience
	Understand how and why culture becomes a commodity, in such
	forms as popular culture and cultural tourism

- Be able to compare and evaluate the four major views of the future of culture, as well as to explain anthropology's role in comprehending and even constructing this future
- Understand "multiple modernities"—that there is more than one way to respond to the modern globalized world

Chapter Highlights

Formerly, cultural anthropology tended not only to speak about but to speak for native societies, but more and more these societies are able and eager to speak for themselves

Fourth World societies or indigenous peoples or First Peoples face unique challenges, have unique identities, and advance unique interests

Many indigenous peoples face cultural loss, population decline, and even ultimate extinction

Many indigenous peoples are using a combination of traditional and modern means to preserve and protect their cultures, lands, identities, and lives

Many members of indigenous societies are skilled spokespersons for their own cultural experience

The contemporary world is not only a place of diverse cultures but of diverse and often competing and clashing cultural movements

Anthony Wallace defined and described a process of revitalization

movements

Revitalization movements can take many forms, sometimes simultaneously, including syncretism, millenarianism, irredentism, modernism/vitalism, and nativism/fundamentalism

Cultural crises tend to launch multiple movements at the same time, turning society into a field of competing revitalization movements

Groups and societies today often use aspects of their past to construct and contest their future

"Modern" society was characterized by rationalism, optimism, integrative movements (e.g. nation-building), secularization, and an ideal of progress, but "postmodern" society has been characterized as irrationalist or unconscious/emotional, pessimistic, disintegrative and fragmentary, subjectivist, superficial, and decentered, with a resurgence of religious and "traditional" interests and identities

Contemporary culture is often self-consciously produced, marketed, and consumed as a commodity, for instance in the forms of popular culture and cultural tourism

The future of culture is unclear and continuously in process, but four dominant views include an emerging one-world culture, a binary struggle

	between globalization and nationalistic fragmentation, a clash of
	civilizations between regional cultural units, and an efflorescence of diverse
	multiple modernities
	Cultural anthropology has much to offer in understanding and assessing—
	and perhaps even shaping—the future of culture
Chapter Key	Clash of civilizations, Cultural tourism, Decentered, Fourth World,
Terms	Fundamentalism, Irredentism, Jihad-versus-McWorld, Millenarianism,
	Modernism, Multiple modernities, Nativism, One-world culture, Popular
	culture, Post-modernism, Revitalization movement, Syncretism, Vitalism