Objective
For this project, you will apply qualitative research methods to examine an aspect of culture or a group that has “a culture.” You or a research team will plan, structure, document, examine, and finally report on cultural patterns observed in a group, on cultural interaction in a setting, or the like. You will need to apply theoretical and methodological aspects of Spradley for examining specific and/or general issues. Relevant issues for such research projects often include these areas: social dynamic, action (interaction), language (discourse), artifacts, tools, setting, and more. You may include activities that contribute to a group culture or community.

In investigating some aspect of life and culture, whether or not that includes Culture in large, a sub-culture or group, you may consider attending events, games, or such get-togethers for arriving at greater i meanings and implications of rituals, actions, or language use. If you chose to form a research team, I suggest partners team up to examine an area of issues so that you may arrive at an accurate description of the values, views, activities, preferences, and such cultural dimensions that give a group its depth, style, or character. You will need to draw conclusions on the observed social phenomena. The listed guidelines also apply for independent projects.

Project Requirements
1. Research Team (or Individuals)
   - Work together with a pre-approved partner or team to investigate social group phenomena.
   - You may include other relevant theoretical premises to help analyze phenomena in depth.
   - Base your theoretical perspective and investigation on these authorities.
   - You may include other social science theories or readings you feel appropriate.

2. Research Procedures and Materials
   - Apart from research, I strongly suggest you use at least two applied methods of investigation: observation, interview, survey or detailed questionnaire, or other (to be approved).
   - Collect data and analyze them. If you form a team, each member may specialize in one form of investigation and analysis.
   - Prepare a materials packet that includes at least some of the following: keep personal records on thoughts, observations, materials, procedures, and analysis. For analysis, often researchers include charts or diagrams with notes. All supplementary materials will be included in the materials packet: surveys, analyses, notes, and etc.
   - For any individual or special project modifications, you must see me for approval.

3. Paper
   - Write an individual report on your research findings.
   - Use proper APA research paper guidelines and sections: abstract, introduction, methods, results, discussion, conclusion, works cited, and a title page.
   - Intertextual citation: You may also cross reference information discovered by other researchers; you may cite their views, findings, and evidence as researchers but those citations must appear as documentation, information in other researchers’ materials.
   - Use proper APA style conventions: citation, quotation, and presentation.
   - Paper length: 6- or 7-page report
   - Hand in a supplemental packet with materials and analysis (a constructed data set).

Additional Comments: You will receive class credit for teamwork and materials. Observation logs and records will be examined and checked off for their contribution to the team, the individual, as well as for their social science-like research. Packets are required for full consideration. All papers and packets will be turned in together.