

# Magic, Religion and Witchcraft

## Midterm #2 Review

Valley College - November 16, 2017

Pierce College - November 21, 2017

There will be 65 objective questions based on readings (Stein & Stein, ch. 5-8), assigned readings, videos (Rites of Passage: Xhosa Male Circumcision, the Red Road (Peyote), Shamans of the Amazon, Strange Beliefs and The Aztec Empire), the Berlin, Amsterdam, India and Eastern Europe slide shows, class discussions, and quizzes 6-10. Please study them carefully! The exam will contain true/false, multiple choice, matching questions as well as two essays. Bring a #2 pencil, a pen, an #882 scantron and two sheets of blank paper for the essays. Be prepared to answer to of these essay questions:

1. What is Shamanism? Is it more an art or a science? What might it offer patients and spiritual seekers from the Western World?
2. Why did the Aztecs believe they needed to make human sacrifices? What similarities were there between the Aztec worship of Quetzalcoatl and the Spanish worship of Jesus Christ?
3. How do the Azande conduct a poison oracle séance? Be sure to discuss the sorts of information offered and how they frame their questions.
4. What is a Spontaneous Memorialization? What happens? Why do they occur?
5. How are the dead honored in *Dia de los Muertos* Celebrations? Reflect on your participation in the class ceremony—how did it expand your understanding of this ritual?
6. How has the use of hallucinogens impacted religious revelation and ritual?
7. How and why are baseball players like Trobriand fisherman?
8. What does a Berawan secondary burial involve? Why is it practiced?
9. Describe how both male and female circumcision functions as an identity marker (re: cultural identity as well as rite of passage.)