

AMST 355
Class and Culture
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The First Class

For *Thursday January 29*

- I will introduce the class, doing all the traditional things:
- Introduce myself and call the roll
- Distribute the paper syllabus
- *Show and Tell* the books for the course.
- Demonstrate the Class Website and Blackboard
- Explain that there will be no more paper syllabi, but that there will be a weekly website update.
- Entertain any initial questions concerning the class.

Then I will show a short film.

Those of you who took *Urban America* saw this film or one like it early in the semester. It won't hurt you to look at it again. For the rest of you, I'm hoping you'll find it a treat. As you watch this film I want you to imagine yourselves as part of *this* community, and imagine yourself as a participant in this event, rather than simply an observer of it. What does it "feel" like to you? Have you ever experienced a similar occasion? If so, what? We may have some time to discuss this after the film's showing. If we're not all discussed out, we'll continue the discussion on Monday next.