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"Life and Times is an interesting read which offers a refreshing consideration of cultural studies' contribution to the politics and struggles over the structure of.

In the middle of winter, walking through the streets of Eckley, the eerie silence weighs heavy upon the air. The crunching of dirty, gray snow underfoot is by far the loudest sound. The abandoned houses, in alternating states of remodeling and disrepair lean to one side or another, and the small sheds and outhouses lack doors or roofs. The town has just a single street that stretches far into the distance, with houses and company buildings lined up on each side. The road through the town may now be paved, but it is in dire need of repair. Only forest lies beyond the wooden houses, and it is easy to believe that no one lives anywhere near this old and forgotten town. The dirt and slush mix together to muddy shoes and the creaking of the dilapidated buildings grows stronger as the wind picks up. Without a doubt, Eckley looks and sounds like a ghost town. However, after ascending the first small hill, the illusion breaks. A brand new Prius sits parked next to one of those old buildings and a kindly looking man waves to greet visitors. Contrary to its initial appearance, Eckley houses about a dozen full time residents, descendants of the miners that at one time lived in the village. Greg Long Anthracite coal burning with its characteristic blue flame. In , prospectors first stumbled across a tiny and mostly self-sufficient village in what would later become Luzerne County. The people of this village, at that time called Shingleton, farmed and produced wooden shingles which they traded for technology and luxuries in nearby larger villages. Below and around this village, large coal deposits promised the chance for profits for the prospectors and their associates and they quickly became interested in this isolated area. Richard Sharpe, a coal contractor, Francis Weiss, a surveyor, and Judge John Leisenring banded together to form Sharpe, Leisenring and Company, and wasted no time to attempting to secure rights to the land so that they could commence operations. Their main obstacle in this task was Judge Charles S. Coxe, the executor for the Tench Coxe Estate and son of Tench Coxe, a political economist, assistant secretary of the treasury under George Washington and prominent Philadelphian. As the land owner of substantial portions of northeastern Pennsylvania, Charles Coxe was well aware of the value of the land that his father had invested in. By , Sharpe, Weiss and Leisenring, joined by Lansford Foster, a merchant, had negotiated a lease for the fifteen hundred acre plot from Coxe and the rights to mine and transport coal from those grounds. The Village is named after him. Within the year, construction of the coal mines at Shingleton had begun. The urgency for the purchase of the rights and building of the colliery the coal mine breaker and associated buildings, including houses for the miners and engineers is typical of the era, and common to most of the entrepreneurial companies hoping to capitalize on the rising value of coal. Since , the year that saw the invention of the hot blast furnace, coal quickly gained popularity and value as a heating and fueling source. Not all coal is equal however, and some varieties obviously had much greater merit for home heating or industrial applications, the top uses for coal in the 19th century. Coal comes in multiple grades depending on its hardness and energy density. One common way to classify coal is by percentage of volatiles, or substances trapped in the coal that lead to easier ignition. Increased concentration of volatiles also decreases the overall energy density of the coal. As a result, coal with a low percentage of volatiles has the highest amount of energy per pound and tends to have a lower risk of accidental ignition. Additionally, a low quantity of volatiles causes the coal to give off less smoke when burned. Organized from lowest to highest percentage of volatiles, the main types of coal are: Anthracite, Steam, Bituminous, Lignite, and Peat. As a home heating source, Anthracite quickly proved to be the most effective. Anthracite can be identified by its shiny black appearance and smooth hard texture that does not rub off on the hand when touched. For prospectors in the 19th century, the specific physical appearance and texture of anthracite made it easy to identify, and the occasional surfacing of coal veins enabled identification without any preliminary digging. This ease of identification, along with the rising value of Anthracite coal led Sharpe, Leisenring and Company to quickly and confidently establish the new mining town at Shingleton. Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection The rarer anthracite coal, shown in pink, was found only in the eastern portions of the state. The town that rose up at Shingleton resembled many

of the other towns that had recently grown in the area. In Eckley, Sharpe, Leisenring and Company continued to expand its operations and quickly started to require on site housing for its employees and laborers. The housing was divided into four clearly demarcated regions to separate workers and supervisors based on their level of prestige within the company. These shacks provided cramped and bare-bones living for the large majority of people in Eckley. Serious skimping on construction materials was evident on these, with construction completely done in wood and lacking any insulation. The builders painted the houses in black and red, because they were the two cheapest colors of paint at the time. In the winter, cold air easily found its way through the open board walls and floor, and in the summer the heat was inescapable. The lack of individual plumbing meant that outhouses were commonplace and water had to be retrieved from communal wells and, later, water mains. Much of the furniture was purchased by individual families as a luxury. Further down the street the houses of the miners and contractors stood, barely an improvement over the rickety houses of the lowest class but housing fewer families. Like the houses for the lower social tier, the employees were almost entirely responsible to provide their own furniture and amenities. To some extent the rent they paid to the company barely got them anything other than a roof over their heads and the right to work for the company. The next group of dwellings was for upper supervisors and engineers. These houses generally stood alone and contained plenty of space, though their construction differed little from the earlier houses. Notably, the renters of these houses could afford higher quality furnishings and proper insulation. Most likely grass and trees were properly maintained against the coal dust and dirt that covered the rest of the town. Miners and their families in Eckley lived harsh and difficult lives, but often, this was an improvement over their previous condition in either their home country or another part of the United States. In Eckley, they had a steady job and home, even if both of those were less than desirable. Dejan Vesko The Manor House of Eckley Coxe housed not only Coxe and his family when they were in town, but also all of the servants and personnel catering to them. Miners and laborers saved money and expanded their families, letting some of their sons and daughters escape the drudgery of the mines by providing better education. However, many families, especially those that worked as laborers, simply did not have money to spare for those things. Their sons had no choice but to work in the mine or associated buildings. Many stories circulated of boys who had been injured by the rushing coal and slate, and stories of boys falling into the chutes were not only very common but also probably true. According to Lauver, in , one sixth of the personnel in anthracite mines were boys below age 20, and even after the first child labor laws were passed, the number of boys employed this way failed to change significantly. For the fathers of these boys, the conditions were hardly any better. Mine work had extremely long shifts of up to 16 hours and most of that was spent underground. Mine collapses and poisonous or explosive pockets of gas were common killers, and the coal dust that miners continuously inhaled lowered their lifetimes significantly by causing considerable lung damage. However, the money was completely worth the risks for the miners in Eckley, and there was never a shortage of people to replace those that died to the dangers of mining anthracite. Along with lengthy and unproductive winters, the future of the town of Eckley often looked grim. New advancements in mining technology, including the steam shovel and strip mining, reduced the need for large numbers of miners. By , the population of Eckley was about a third of its levels, and the Coxe estate leased the mining town to a series of coal companies. By the s and s, the anthracite industry had mostly subsided to a minor level, with coal being mined only for legacy operations and some household use. After all, the conveniences of oil, natural gas, and, most importantly, electricity pushed anthracite out as a viable source of energy and heat. Dejan Vesko The coal breaker in Eckley. This structure was actually purposely built for the movie "The Molly Maguires" as a prop. The original breakers were taken down during the fading years of the town. The town of Eckley continues to stand due to two separate efforts that maintained interest in the town. In , Paramount Pictures leased the town for one year in order to film the film The Molly Maguires, a story about the organization in Ireland and northeastern Pennsylvania dedicated to vigilante activities and fighting mine owners for better living conditions and pay. For this movie, Paramount added a number of buildings to recreate the feel of an active mining town, including a three-quarters scale coal breaker. Additionally, a new company store was added and a number of buildings were covered with boards to imitate the appearance of old coal mining towns. Many of these changes persist today, though quite a few have

been replaced by more modern refurbishing. While the movie was a moderate success, the true benefit of the filming was the attention it drew to the town of Eckley. Vance Packard mentions that the filming of the movie simply brought more attention to the town. The coal mining culture that had always existed in the town and its remaining residents was noticed by a number of people that subsequently banded together to preserve the town as a historical site. As such a prominent and suddenly good looking example of anthracite mining history in Pennsylvania, Eckley was further designated as the future site of the Pennsylvania Historical Anthracite Museum. In a region in which there were once dozens of small mining villages, only one remains. *Work and Values in Pennsylvania Anthracite*. Associated University Presses, *Pennsylvania Trail of History Guide*. Pennsylvania Anthracite Heritage Museum. *Early Coal Mining in the Anthracite Region*.

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Characteristics[edit] In his book, *Introducing Cultural Studies*, Ziauddin Sardar lists the following five main characteristics of cultural studies: For example, a study of a subculture such as white working class youth in London would consider their social practices against those of the dominant culture in this example, the middle and upper classes in London who control the political and financial sectors that create policies affecting the well-being of white working class youth in London. The objective of cultural studies includes understanding culture in all its complex forms and analyzing the social and political context in which culture manifests itself. Cultural studies attempts to expose and reconcile constructed divisions of knowledge that purport to be grounded in nature. Cultural studies has a commitment to an ethical evaluation of modern society and to a radical line of political action.

History[edit] As Dennis Dworkin writes, [8] "a critical moment" in the beginning of cultural studies as a field was when Richard Hoggart used the term in founding the Centre for Contemporary Cultural Studies CCCS at the University of Birmingham in the UK, which was to become home for the development of the intellectual orientation that has become known internationally as the "Birmingham School" of cultural studies. Many cultural studies scholars employed Marxist methods of analysis, exploring the relationships between cultural forms the superstructure and that of the political economy the base. By the s, the work of Louis Althusser radically rethought the Marxist account of "base" and "superstructure" in ways that had a significant influence on the "Birmingham School. Also during the 70s, the politically formidable British working classes were in decline. Yet millions of working class Britons backed the rise of Margaret Thatcher. Thatcherism and the Crisis of the Left [21] and *New Times: The Changing Face of Politics in the s*. Also by the late s, cultural studies had begun to attract a great deal of international attention. It spread globally throughout the s and 90s. As it did so, it both encountered new conditions of knowledge production, and engaged with other major international intellectual currents such as poststructuralism, postmodernism and postcolonialism.

Developments outside the UK[edit] In the US, prior to the emergence of British Cultural Studies, several versions of cultural analysis had emerged largely from pragmatic and liberal-pluralist philosophical traditions. A thriving cultural studies scene has existed in Australia since the late s, when several key CS practitioners emigrated there from the UK, taking British Cultural Studies with them, after Margaret Thatcher became Prime Minister of the UK in A school of cultural studies known as "cultural policy studies" is one of the distinctive Australian contributions to the field, though it is not the only one. In Canada , cultural studies has sometimes focused on issues of technology and society , continuing the emphasis in the work of Marshall McLuhan , Harold Innis , and others. Cultural studies journals based in Canada include *Topia: Canadian Journal of Cultural Studies*. In Africa, human rights and Third World issues are among the central topics treated. Even though cultural studies developed much more rapidly in the UK than in continental Europe, there is a significant cultural studies presence in countries such as France, Spain and Portugal. The field is relatively undeveloped in Germany, probably due to the continued influence of the Frankfurt School , which is now often said to be in its third generation, which includes notable figures such as Axel Honneth. In Germany, the term cultural studies specifically refers to the field in the Anglo-sphere especially British Cultural Studies [33] to differentiate it from the German Kulturwissenschaft which developed along different lines and is characterized by its distance from political science. However, Kulturwissenschaft and cultural studies are often used interchangeably, particularly by lay persons. Throughout Asia, cultural studies has boomed and thrived since at least the beginning of the s. Issues, concepts and approaches[edit] Marxism, feminism, race and culture[edit] As noted above, Marxism has been an important influence upon cultural studies. Those associated with CCCS initially engaged deeply with the structuralism of Louis Althusser , and later in the s turned decisively toward Antonio Gramsci. Cultural studies has also embraced the examination of race, gender, and other aspects of identity, as is illustrated, for

example, by a number of key books published collectively under the name of CCCS in the late 70s and early 80s, including *Women Take Issue: Race and Racism in 70s Britain*. Gramsci had been concerned with similar issues: What strategic approach is necessary to mobilize popular support in more progressive directions? Gramsci modified classical Marxism, and argued that culture must be understood as a key site of political and social struggle. In his view, capitalists used not only brute force police, prisons, repression, military to maintain control, but also penetrated the everyday culture of working people in a variety of ways in their efforts to win popular "consent. Hegemony was always, for Gramsci, an interminable, unstable and contested process. In the work of Hall, Hebdige and McRobbie, popular culture came to the fore. What Gramsci gave to this was the importance of consent and culture. If the fundamental Marxists saw power in terms of class-versus-class, then Gramsci gave to us a question of class alliance. The rise of cultural studies itself was based on the decline of the prominence of fundamental class-versus-class politics. The theory of hegemony was of central importance to the development of British cultural studies [particularly The Birmingham School. It facilitated analysis of the ways subordinate groups actively resist and respond to political and economic domination. The subordinate groups needed not to be seen merely as the passive dupes of the dominant class and its ideology. Some analysts have however been critical of some work in cultural studies that they feel overstates the significance of or even romanticizes some forms of popular cultural agency. Cultural studies often concerns itself with agency at the level of the practices of everyday life, and approaches such research from a standpoint of radical contextualism. Judith Butler, an American feminist theorist whose work is often associated with cultural studies, wrote that the move from a structuralist account in which capital is understood to structure social relations in relatively homologous ways to a view of hegemony in which power relations are subject to repetition, convergence and rearticulation brought the question of temporality into the thinking of structure. It has marked a shift from a form of Althusserian theory that takes structural totalities as theoretical objects to one in which the insights into the contingent possibility of structure inaugurate a renewed conception of hegemony as bound up with the contingent sites and strategies of the rearticulation of power. On this view, a consumer can appropriate, actively rework or challenge the meanings circulated through cultural texts. In some of its variants, then, cultural studies has thus shifted the analytical focus from traditional understandings of production to consumption, which is nevertheless understood as a form of production of meanings, of identities, etc. Stuart Hall, John Fiske, and others have been influential in these developments. This conception of textuality derives especially from the work of the pioneering and influential semiotician, Roland Barthes, but also owes debts to other sources, such as Juri Lotman and his colleagues from Tartu's "Moscow School. Similarly, the field widens the concept of "culture. Cultural studies even approaches sites and spaces of everyday life, such as pubs, living rooms, gardens and beaches, as "texts. The task of the cultural analyst, for Lewis, is to engage with both knowledge systems and texts, and observe and analyse the ways the two interact with one another. This engagement represents the critical dimensions of the analysis, its capacity to illuminate the hierarchies within and surrounding the given text and its discourses. Academic reception[edit] Cultural studies has evolved through the confluence of various disciplines—anthropology, media and communication studies, literary studies, education, geography, philosophy, sociology, politics and others. While some have accused certain areas of cultural studies of meandering into political relativism and a kind of empty version of "postmodern" analysis, others hold that at its core, cultural studies provides a significant conceptual and methodological framework for cultural, social and economic critique. This critique is designed to "deconstruct" the meanings and assumptions that are inscribed in the institutions, texts and practices that work with and through, and produce and re-present, culture. Cultural studies work on forms of social differentiation, control and inequality, identity, community-building, media, and knowledge production, for example, has had a substantial impact. Moreover, the influence of cultural studies has become increasingly evident in areas as diverse as translation studies, health studies, international relations, development studies, computer studies, economics, archaeology, and neurobiology, as well as across the range of disciplines that initially shaped the emergence of cultural studies, including literature, sociology, communication studies, and anthropology. Cultural studies has also diversified its own interests and methodologies, incorporating a range of studies on media policy, democracy, design, leisure, tourism, warfare and development. While certain key

concepts such as ideology or discourse, class, hegemony, identity and gender remain significant, cultural studies has long engaged with and integrated new concepts and approaches such as deconstruction and postmodernism. The field thus continues to pursue political critique through its engagements with the forces of culture and politics. Nevertheless, some traditional literary scholars such as Yale professor Harold Bloom have been outspoken critics of cultural studies. One [is] the lunatic destruction of literary studies For Eagleton, literary and cultural theory have the potential to say important things about the "fundamental questions" in life, but theorists have rarely realized this potential. Sociologists[edit] Cultural studies has also had a substantial impact on sociology. The subfield of cultural sociology, in particular, is disciplinary home to many cultural studies practitioners. Nevertheless, there are some differences between sociology as a discipline and the field of cultural studies as a whole. While sociology was founded upon various historic works purposefully distinguishing the subject from philosophy or psychology , cultural studies has explicitly interrogated and criticized traditional understandings and practices of disciplinarity. Most CS practitioners think it is best that cultural studies neither emulate disciplines nor aspire to disciplinarity for cultural studies. Rather, they promote a kind of radical interdisciplinarity as the basis for cultural studies. One sociologist whose work has had a major influence upon cultural studies is Pierre Bourdieu. Two sociologists who have been critical of cultural studies, Chris Rojek and Bryan S. Turner , argue in their article, "Decorative sociology: Many, however, would argue, following Hall, that cultural studies has always sought to avoid the establishment of a fixed research agenda; this follows from its critique of disciplinarity. Moreover, Hall and many others have long argued against the misunderstanding that textual analysis is the sole methodology of cultural studies, and have practiced numerous other approaches, as noted above. Rojek and Turner also level the accusation that there is "a sense of moral superiority about the correctness of the political views articulated" in cultural studies [53] Physicist Alan Sokal[edit] Main article: Sokal affair In , physicist Alan Sokal expressed his opposition to cultural studies by submitting a hoax article to a cultural studies journal, Social Text. The article, which was crafted as a parody of what Sokal referred to as the "fashionable nonsense" of postmodernism , was accepted by the editors of the journal, which did not at the time practice peer review. When the paper appeared in print, Sokal published a second article in a self-described "academic gossip" magazine, Lingua Franca , revealing his hoax on Social Text. Sokal stated that his motivation stemmed from his rejection of contemporary critiques of scientific rationalism: For most of the past two centuries, the Left has been identified with science and against obscurantism; we have believed that rational thought and the fearless analysis of objective reality both natural and social are incisive tools for combating the mystifications promoted by the powerful -- not to mention being desirable human ends in their own right. The recent turn of many "progressive" or "leftist" academic humanists and social scientists toward one or another form of epistemic relativism betrays this worthy heritage and undermines the already fragile prospects for progressive social critique. Nor can we combat false ideas in history, sociology, economics and politics if we reject the notions of truth and falsity.

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