Weeks 6 and 7 Notes

- The way the map was set up, round globe turned into a flat plane, makes distorts proportions (ex: makes Greenland and Africa the same size, etc.)
- Newer map shows lesser distortions
- The way the map is organized is directly related to culture (US on top of Mexico rather than flipped around, other maps of the world seem upside down, Europe not in center of map, etc.)
- Some cultures can point north with much more accuracy, even in the case of children (as compared to us, who [as a majority] have to guess)
  - Directions in terms of right or left (Egocentric system) *we do this
  - Directions in terms of north-south-east-west (Geocentric system)
    - Mostly as a result of language
    - **If you speak a language that requires you to use words like north, south, etc. in every sentence you will be programmed to think in these terms
  - Some groups use things like ‘towards the mountains, away from the mountains’
  - Depends on culture ultimately what you grew up learning/are comfortable with

- Sound systems
  - Every culture has a verbal linguistic system
  - From an early age you become accustomed to certain sounds (your language) and have more practice with making certain sounds
  - **Ingressive vs. Egressive**
    - Ingressive sounds mean air is coming into your mouth, egressive means air is coming out
  - All sounds in English are egressive
  - Example of an ingressive sound would be a click
  - Implosives
    - Involves air coming into mouth, so type of ingressive sound
    - Not uncommon, 15-20% of world’s languages
    - Made by closing mouth and closing off vocal cords, lowering glottis
  - Interdental fricative
    - Uncommon in world’s languages
    - Non-English speakers and children have difficulty with this

- Body modification
  - Exists in all cultures, spreads through cultures as well/is shared (temporary body paint [like henna], tattoos, scarification, foot binding, piercing, filing and inlaying teeth, cranial vault modification, corseting, braces on teeth)
  - Involved with status in society (warrior, chief, etc.) or served a religious purpose (protection from evil, etc.)
  - Expressed ethnicity/group membership