**State the problem / information need / goal of the research**

Two well-known anthropologists conducted ethnographic fieldwork in the Pacific Northwest among the Chinook and other tribes. Throughout their lives, each of them published books and papers discussing the phonetics and morphology of regionally-specific, American Indian languages. Their books have been cited in scholarly papers and journals that span a wide array of topics including transpacific displacement and the Harlem Renaissance. These two people knew each other and were colleagues. Ironically, neither of these authors had a degree specifically in anthropology.

1. Name both of the anthropologists.
2. What subjects did the anthropologists have degrees in?
3. Name the book written by one of the anthropologists that was cited by authors writing about transpacific displacement and authors writing about the Harlem Renaissance.
4. Name the book written by one of the anthropologists that was cited by authors writing about transpacific displacement and not cited by authors writing about the Harlem Renaissance.

**What do I know?**

They were both well-written Pacific Northwest anthropologists. They both studied the Chinook. They both have at least one degree. Their publications have been influential across a variety of topics. Their books have something to do with language. They knew each other.

**Strategies/skills**

I broke the problem into steps.

I tracked my progress using Google docs.

I used context clues and triangulation of sources to determine who the anthropologists were and what books they wrote.

I used Google Books and Google Scholar to verify information.

I used Ctrl-F to search within texts and websites.

I searched Google Scholar, searched cited by, searched within citing articles, and double-checked my sources.

I used the minus (-) operator to exclude a word from my search.

**Dead Ends**

E.B. Tylor was a dead end.

**Learned along the way**

Chinook is also a breed of dog.

**Questions**

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<td>Chinook is the name of a strong wind, a dog breed, and the group of people who lived near the Columbia river. For this query, the group of people seemed to be the most relevant response. I double checked with two other websites to verify the information.</td>
<td>Yes - information about the Chinook. The book was &quot;Selection writings of Edward Sapir in Language Culture and Personality&quot;.</td>
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<td>What anthropologists studied the Chinook?</td>
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<td>Franz Boas - The first sentence of the article indicates that Boas studied the Chinook.</td>
<td>Yes - information about Boas was published in an anthropological journal.</td>
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<td>What other anthropologists studied the Chinook?</td>
<td>[Chinook language anthropologist -Boas]</td>
<td><a href="http://books.google.com/books?id=F1kSAAAAYAAJ">http://books.google.com/books?id=F1kSAAAAYAAJ</a></td>
<td>E.B. Tylor</td>
<td>Yes - he was cited in a book &quot;Bibliography of the Chinookan language&quot; (note: he did not write the book).</td>
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<td>Did both of these anthropologists write books about the morphology and phonetics of regionally-specific American Indian languages?</td>
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<td>Boas - yes, he wrote several books about the morphology and phonetics of American Indian languages. E.B. Tylor - no, he did not write any books about the morphology and phonetics of American Indian languages. E.B. Tylor was a dead end. Moving forward, I needed to search for another anthropologist.</td>
<td>Yes - Google Books produced a search result detailing the books that each anthropologist wrote. I searched inside to see if they discussed morphology and phonetics.</td>
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<td>Who else was a contemporary of Boas, who studied the Chinook, and wrote about phonetics and morpholoy of language?</td>
<td>It seems like Boas is correct but E.B. Tylor is not. Since the question said that both anthropologists knew each other, I searched Franz Boas to find out more information about him. On the right hand side of the search results screen, Google provided me with a summary of Boas, as well as a list of items that &quot;People also search for&quot;. I investigated this option and chose the 1st person on the list, Edward Sapir. Edward Sapir was alive at the same time as Boas. I searched in Google Books [Edward Sapir Chinook] to find results proving that he wrote about the Chinook. I searched inside his book &quot;Takelma&quot; and found a discussion of phonetics and morphology. Boas received a doctorate in physics and did his post-doc in geography. Sapir received a BA degree in linguistics and an MA in German. Boas taught at Columbia University and Sapir attended Columbia University.</td>
<td>Yes - the search results were from Google and Google Books. Google Books displayed text from Sapir's books showing morphology and phonetics.</td>
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Were either of Sapir’s books cited in scholarly papers and/or journals regarding transpacific displacement and the Harlem Renaissance?

I searched Google Scholar: "Selected writings of Edward Sapir in Language Culture and Personality" then clicked "cited by" then checked the box for "search within citing articles" and searched the query [transpacific displacement]

I searched Google Scholar: Selected writings of Edward Sapir in Language Culture and Personality then clicked "cited by" then checked the box for "search within citing articles" and searched the query [harlem renaissance]

http://books.google.com/books?id=L0bR0k

Yes - the book, "Selected writings of Edward Sapir in Language Culture and Personality" was cited by an author discussing transpacific displacement. Also, the search results indicated that the book, "Selected writings of Edward Sapir in Language Culture and Personality" was cited by an author discussing the Harlem Renaissance. However, it was impossible to verify this information. I clicked on all of the links provided to me by the search engine and Ctrl-F searched "Sapir". I got no results linking Sapir or a citation of Sapir's work to any of the search results linking his work to the Harlem Renaissance. I concluded that his book was not cited by authors writing about the Harlem Renaissance, emphasizing the importance of double-checking your search results for discrepancies.