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Collection Summary

Title: A. L. Kroeber Writings

Span Dates: 1923-1957

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ID No.: MSS28977

Creator: Kroeber, A. L. (Alfred Louis), 1876-1960

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Summary: Anthropologist. Drafts of *Anthropology: Race, Language, Culture, Psychology, Prehistory* (1948) and *Style and Civilizations* (1957) by Kroeber.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the LC Catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically.

People

Kroeber, A. L. (Alfred Louis), 1876-1960.

Kroeber, A. L. (Alfred Louis), 1876-1960. Anthropology: race, language, culture, psychology, prehistory. 1948.

Kroeber, A. L. (Alfred Louis), 1876-1960. Style and civilizations. 1957.

Subjects

Anthropology.

Civilization--Philosophy.

Titles

A.L. Kroeber papers

Alfred Louis Kroeber papers

Occupations

Anthropologists.

Provenance

The papers of A. L. Kroeber, anthropologist, were given to the Library by Kroeber in 1958.

Processing History

The Kroeber papers were processed after being received in 1958. The finding aid was created in 2016.

Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of A. L. Kroeber is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions

The writings of A. L. Kroeber are open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use.

Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, A. L. Kroeber Writings, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Biographical Note

Date	Event
1876, June 11	Born, Hoboken, N.J.
1896-1897	B.A. and M.A. in English, Columbia University, New York, N.Y.
1901	Ph.D, Columbia University, New York, N.Y.; student of Franz Boaz
1901	Founded Department of Anthropology, University of California, Berkeley, Calif.
1901-1946	Professor of anthropology, University of California, Berkeley, Calif.
1909-1947	Director, Phoebe A. Hearst Museum of Anthropology, Berkeley, Calif.
1923	Published <i>Anthropology: Race, Language, Culture, Psychology, Prehistory</i> . Harcourt, Brace and Co.
1925	Published <i>Handbook of the Indians of California</i> (Washington, D.C.: Government Printing Office
1944	Published <i>Peruvian Archaeology in 1942</i> . New York
1945	Published <i>Configurations of Culture Growth</i> . Berkeley, Los Angeles: University of California Press
1948	Published revision of <i>Anthropology: Race, Language, Culture, Psychology, Prehistory</i> . New York: Harcourt Brace
1952	Published <i>The Nature of Culture</i> . Chicago: University of Chicago Press
1957	Published <i>Style and Civilizations</i> . Ithaca, N.Y.: Cornell University Press
1963	Published <i>Yokuts Dialect Survey</i> . Berkeley: University of California Press
1960, Oct. 5	Died, Paris, France

Scope and Content Note

The writings of Arthur Louis Kroeber (1876-1960) span the years 1923-1957, with the bulk of the material concentrated in the period 1940-1948. The collection consists mainly of drafts of Kroeber's 1948 revision of his seminal work *Anthropology: Race, Language, Culture, Psychology, Prehistory*, first published in 1923. Included in addition to handwritten, typed, and annotated pages are cover notes to the material and revised tear sheets from the 1923 edition. The cover notes describe some of the revision as produced in 1940. In his gift of the manuscript to the Library, Kroeber called the text "my best written book."

Also in the collection are handwritten and typewritten drafts of *Style and Civilizations*, published in 1957.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged by title of work

Container List

Container	Contents
BOX 1	<i>Anthropology: Race, Language, Culture, Psychology, Prehistory</i> (1948), 1923-1948 (10 folders)
BOX 2	(8 folders)
BOX 3	(10 folders)
	<i>Style and Civilizations</i> (1957)
BOX 3	Handwritten draft
BOX 3	Typewritten draft