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Post Processual Archaeology

Started as a reaction to processual archaeology

Criticized processualism as positivist, and materialist

At first was anti-science, processual critique

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Now consists of a wide range of approaches

Focus

Interested in religion, belief systems, social complexity, gender

Study art, architecture, burial goods, non-utilitarian artifacts

Consists of a wide range of approaches

Structuralism

Marxism

Post-modernism

Gender studies

All view culture as being comprised of individuals

Pros

Identify biases that we introduce into our interpretations

More inclusive

No one means of addressing

Cons

Particularistic

Reliance on analogy