**Viewing Questions for In Search of the First Language (no need to turn answers in)**

1. Who was William Jones, and what was his discovery about Sanskrit, Greek, and Latin?

2. What has been learned in the Philadelphia study?

3. What techniques/approaches are used to link languages back to proto (ancestral) languages?

4. Identify the problems with the above approaches.

5. What are the more stable types of words in languages?

body parts, elements in nature, personal pronouns

6. What are the more stable and relatively unstable sounds in languages?

6. Describe the work and findings of Joseph Greenberg in a) Africa, and b) the Americas.

7. What is the role of genetic research in testing the findings of historical linguistics? Give examples from the Americas and regarding the Basque people and language.

The Basque people’s language, the Native American languages

9. What are the basic ideas of Nostratic Theory, and what are the associated problems?