

I) You are about to watch a video on taxidermy. Before watching the video, discuss these questions:

- 1) What do you think about buying animal products such as:
a) eggs b) milk c) meat d) leather e) fur f) decorations made of animals
- 2) Do you know any people with eccentric hobbies? What are they?
- 3) Is being eccentric related to gender?
- 4) Read this quote by American writer Michael J. Gelb. Do you agree?

Crazy people who are productive are geniuses.

Crazy people who are rich are eccentric.

Crazy people who are neither productive nor rich are plain crazy.

II) Watch the video. Answer the questions.

- 1) What two types of animals is she going to talk about in this video?
- 2) What tools does she recommend for working with animal bones?
- 3) Why does she put the bones in the water?
- 4) Why do some of the bones float?
- 5) How does she feel about removing parts of flesh or skin from the bones?
- 6) What does she say about wearing gloves?
- 7) Why does she recommend using hydrogen peroxide but not bleach to whiten the bones?
- 8) What happens to the bones if you keep them in hydrogen peroxide for more than one day?

III) Read the comments from below the video. Which one do you agree with? Why?

1) (Turtle_face) It's so refreshing to see people that don't necessarily think that taxidermy and bone cleaning and collecting are gross or weird. When I tell my friends I like this stuff, they look at me weird. My cat brings home birds and mice but she has a gift for killing them without a scratch or mark. I just push them into the flower beds and in 3 days all the flesh is gone.

2) (Furby) I really hope that this works on human teeth! I had a molar pulled and I wanna turn it into jewelry Edit: IT WORKED AMAZING

3) (jason_jones) A couple of tips.....When removing flesh from bone regardless of the level of decay.....You should always wear gloves to reduce the chance of infection which of course is a lot higher if you do not wear gloves....Also when boiling bones with flesh still on them you risk impregnating the fine pores of the bone with smaller particles of fat oils and flesh and although your bone may look clean you may find it will develop a smell you cannot get rid of.

VOCABULARY

Angle

Bobcat

Crevice

Dexterity

Flower bed

Gross

Hydrogen peroxide

Merch

Pass away

Scrub brush

Skull

Taxidermist

Tweezers