SECOND WRITING ASSIGNMENT
Due Tuesday October 5

For those of you with Tuesday recitations, turn this paper in at recitation. For those with Thursday recitation, turn this paper in to your recitation leader Tuesday at class time.

Write a short essay of about two pages in which you discuss some significant aspect of Number Our Days. You may focus on one incident that seemed revealing to you or one aspect of the book as a whole, but don't spread yourself too thin. You may criticize Meyerhoff or find something in her text you think she missed herself, but whatever you do, try to analyze the material and not just repeat what the book says, and try to bring your own point of view to the discussion.

You could, for instance, discuss, how you think Meyerhoff’s intense identification with her subjects influenced her study, or how her field methods might have pushed her study in certain directions. You could consider how Meyerhoff’s gender was relevant, or discuss the role of myth and memory in a community, or how people actively went about creating an identity, or the contradictions and tensions in the culture of the center, or....

Try to be critical and analytical. As much as possible, cite passages in the book. The easiest form is to put the citation in parenthesis at the end of a sentence or paragraph, with the period following the parenthesis (Meyerhoff 1978:133). As always, the paper should be your own work.

All papers for this subject should be double-spaced, with standard margins and font size, no extra spaces between paragraphs.