Ruth Benedict was an anthropologist whose work was highly influential to her field and the society overall. She employed the field of ethnography to create anthropological advancements and contributed to society through her work. During her time as a critical thinker, she focused on the development of cultures, on the impact of cross-cultural relations, and on the influence of western culture on the world at large. Benedict’s work was extensive and multifaceted, with many of her contributions gaining significant support from the Anthropological Association, which was in a state of turmoil. The organization had grown in numbers and Benedict became its president in 1947. In 1948, Benedict decided to retire from her position and she passed away that same year. Benedict’s work was highly influential to anthropology and the study of cultures, and she is often cited as one of the most important contributors to the field.