

The Influence of Culture on UFO Sightings



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- ▶ Origin of the phenomenon
 - ▶ Psychosocial mechanisms
 - ▶ Cases discussion

Origin of the Phenomenon



Brick
Bradford,
1935

- ▶ Fairy folklore
- ▶ Aviation
- ▶ Occulture
- ▶ Science-Fiction



Buck Rogers 1930



Bob et Bobette 1976

*Raoul Robé, personal communication, May 14th 2014



Psychosocial Mechanisms

- ▶ Simple mistakes
- ▶ Elaborate mistakes (or « complex mistakes »)
- ▶ Hallucinations
- ▶ False memories
- ▶ Hoaxes



Elaborate Mistakes

- ▶ Illusions
- ▶ Confabulations
- ▶ Suggestibility



Cases Discussion



- ▶ Kenneth Arnold (1947)
- ▶ Betty & Barney Hill (1961)
- ▶ Chupacabra - Madelyne Tolentino (1995)





Merci!