

Anthropology 2240 – Discussion #1
Personal Worksheet
For: September 29, 2010

Please prepare point form or written statements in response to the two questions that follow. You may use this page, and the back, do to so. You will hand-in these answers at the discussion group session on September 29. If your answers are submitted on-time and show some effort, you will receive 1 point towards your participation grade. If you participate in the discussion group meeting, you will receive another point for participation.

1. What does anthropology bring to a study of gender and human sexuality? In other words, ‘why anthropology?’. (Offer at least three possibilities.)

2. The overwhelming thrust of the first weeks of this course is the debate over biology and culture for explaining human behavior. Sometimes called the nature-nurture debate, sketch out the evidence from classes and readings for a biological (natural) basis for gender and sexuality and then outline the evidence for a cultural (nurture) basis for the same thing. (A chart might be a reasonable way to organize this answer.)