

Anthropology 2240 – Discussion #2
Personal Worksheet
For October 30, 2006

Please prepare point form or written statements in response to the two questions that follow. They will be collected at the beginning of the discussion group session on October 30. If your answers are submitted on-time and show some effort, and you stay for the discussion, you will receive 1 point towards your participation grade.

1. What do the Awlad ‘Ali women say about polygyny? Do they regard it positively or negatively? Is it that simple?

2. Many anthropologists argue that foragers are essentially egalitarian. Others extend that idea to various horticultural and pastoral groups. What lines of cultural evidence would you look at to determine if these observations are accurate? What might you expect to find?

Note: By egalitarian I mean roughly equal access to economic resources and political power for all members of the group.