Essay Instructions

TOPIC

* **Explain the difference between bridewealth and dowry and discuss:**
  + **why these practices occur**
  + **the impact of these practices on gender relations**
* Use **anthropological texts** as your sources: these may be whole books, chapters of books, or journal articles. Minimum 8 texts.
* Your essay should include critical evaluation of the sources you use – e.g. how and why are they different, what are their strengths and weaknesses. As you read, think about what theoretical and methodological approaches have been used: this will help you to evaluate the texts.
* **1,500 words**
* Where appropriate, **in-text references** should include **page numbers** as well as **year of publication**. In-text references go inside the relevant sentence/punctuation. For example:
* If a person simply has no son at the time of his or her death, another patrilineal male relative can be called in to perform the rituals; but this idea is disturbing, “almost as if the rituals lose some of their efficacy**” (Bennett 1983, p. 130). (BOLD REFFERING TO REFERENCE TYPE) DO not bold within ESSAY.**
* Sub-headings are not required in shorter essays
* All sources used in your essay should be included in a bibliography at the end of your essay – but only those you refer to in your essay. List all items in alphabetical order by author surname and do not have separate sections for different kinds of sources.
* References must be in the **Harvard style:**