**Cross-Cultural Study – Marriage**

1. What do you already know about the cultural particulars of marriage that exist throughout the world? Give specific examples.

1. Complete the chart below as you watch the episode on marriage from National Geographic’s Taboo.
The focus of this chart should be on marriage, not the wedding (which is covered in part 3…) – it should include details about nonmaterial culture: beliefs, values, functions, social structure, etc.

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| Universals of Marriage |
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| Particulars of Child Marriage in a village in India | Particulars of Plural Marriagein a village in Togo | Particulars of Gay Marriagein England and Holland |
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1. Identify other cultural particulars about wedding ceremonies from the video:

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|  | Rituals | Dress/adornment | Entertainment | Food |
| Village in India |  |  |  |  |
| Village in Togo |  |  |  |  |
| England/Holland |  |  |  |  |

1. Which of these seems the most different from your own concept of marriage? Why?

1. Why do you think that, right now, there is more openness to gay marriage in America than child marriage or plural marriage?