

Clay Gambetti

Oct 4 Buchi Emecheta, *Joys of Motherhood*, Ch.10-18

Pg. 128 Why does this society value sons much more than daughters?

- *physical labor
- *value of a person is based on the utility they can provide, men are much stronger
- *they are able to carry on the line
- *men don't run off and get married
- *only facet of life that females dominate is bearing a child
- *(pg.128) "You are worth more than ten Dumbis." After losing her baby boy Adaku expresses how much she values having a male

Pg. 147 Why do women resent being married to a soldier?

- *people only know soldiers as Europeans who killing and raping their villages
- *curse to be married to a soldier
- *Africans were not fighting for their cause, they were mercenaries

Book reinforces stereotypes from Dr. Aden's lecture

- *hyper sexuality
 - *cultural survival
 - *as many providers as possible would increase its chances for survival
- *male dominance
 - *men provide more utility than women

Pg. 124 senior wife vs. new wife

- *senior wife gets priority, what she wishes goes

Pg. 200 Oshia tells father he will not provide for the family as expected

- *Oshia never grasps that he must take care of his father
- *conflicting expectations
- * shows European influence
 - *causes Nnaife to lose interest in Nnu Ego because the children were the main reason that he liked her

Was Nnu Ego successful as a mother?

- *7 of 9 children survive
- *daughters are well taken care of
- *all kids attend funeral

*she provided for the entire family

White culture vs. communalized living

*individuals in tribe belong to the community not just to him or herself

*more responsibility in white culture, everyone specializes in something