

Models in Anthropology



1:3 ANTHROPOLOGY USES “MODELS”

A. INTRODUCTION

Theories = “Accurate Statements of Reality”

1. Hypothesis – Working Hypothesis – Theory – Law
2. Hypothesis – Model – Working Model [Overhead 1.3.1]

B. FOUR BASIC CHARACTERISTICS OF MODELS

1. They are designed for “fit” or usefulness
2. They do not explain everything
3. They are tentative and subject to change
4. They have two sides:

- (a) Models of Reality
- (b) Models of Actions

Models are maps of reality which guide our decisions and our actions

