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Chinua Achebe Scavenger Hunt

Albert _____ Achebe was born on November 16, _____ in _____, Nigeria. He is the son of Isaiah Okafo, a _____, and Janet N. _____. On September 10, _____, he married Christie Chinwe _____, and they have _____ children: _____, _____, _____, and _____. He is well educated, having attended the _____ College in Umuahia from _____ to _____ and the University College in _____ from _____ to _____. He received a _____ from _____ University in 1953.

Critics have come to consider Achebe the finest of Nigerian _____. His first novel, *Things Fall Apart* (_____), published in _____ languages, and a second novel, _____ (1964) focus on Nigeria's early experience with _____. *Things Fall Apart* is set in the late _____ and tells the story of an _____ village and one of its great men, _____. "He is a champion _____, a wealthy _____, a husband to _____ wives, a title-holder among his people, and a member of the _____ whose members impersonate ancestral _____ at tribal rituals."

"..._____, which is an important feature of the _____ culture, finds ample and appropriate place in the novels of Achebe." "Achebe's _____ make use of folklore to make their _____ forcefully and effectively illustrate _____ values." "The popularity of the _____ shows that the _____ of the _____ are kept alive."

"Achebe believes that 'any good story, any good novel, should have a _____, should have a _____'. He tells his students:

Once you allow yourself to _____ with people in a story, then you might begin to see yourself in that story even if on the surface it's far removed from your situation....it can make us identify with situations and people far away....it's not difficult to identify with somebody like yourself....what's more difficult is to

identify with someone you don't see, who's very far away, who's a different _____, who eats a different kind of food....When you begin to do that then literature is really performing its wonders.

Achebe has lived in the _____ for the past _____ years. In 1990, he was in a car accident in _____ which left him paralyzed from the waist down. He currently resides in the Hudson River Valley in _____ and teaches at _____ College. At age _____, he has written _____ novels, _____ works of nonfiction, and several collections of _____ and _____.

His native country, _____, is slightly more than twice the size of _____. It has the largest population of any country in _____, with a population of more than _____ million. It is comprised of more than _____ ethnic groups, and the _____ represent 18% of the population, speaking some _____ dialects. _____ - _____% of Nigeria's population works in agriculture. Due to _____, the country experiences excessive mortality.