

Notes from class lecture¹ on October 5th, 2005

<p>I) <u>Characters</u> a) Modou b) Mawdo c) Assaitou d) Binetou</p>	<p>II) <u>Events</u> a) Funeral ceremonies b) Modou's c) When Ramatoulaye's daughter becomes pregnant</p>	<p>III) <u>Ideas</u> a) Women's identity and tie to husband. b) Were Ramatoulaye and Assaitou faithful to Islam c) Effects of European education</p>
<p><u>Comments:</u></p> <p><u>“What’s most affecting Ramatoulaye’s life/ Why is the president of Senegal not mentioned?”</u> - Professor Helman</p> <p>___ “Shouldn’t she be able to express her true opinion in an old society”- Derek Woods</p> <p>___ “On the topic of reuniting old and new society on P. 59, and also on Modou marrying his daughter’s friend, look at Woody Allen marrying his adopted daughter, or something like that... That is a perfect example.”- Paul S.</p> <p>___ “They have weird concept of love: on P. 59, love is idealistic. Woman must marry the man who loves her and not the one she loves. Secret to happiness? That’s crazy!”- Josh Day</p> <p>___ “Ramatoulaye refuses Tamsir’s inheritance as a wife.”- Josh Day</p>	<p><u>Comments:</u></p> <p><u>“And the Degree of Change people saw in the book?”</u> - Professor Helman</p> <p>___ “We will most definitely! Times are always changing. I mean, look at the homosexuality. It was detested in the past, but now seems to be accepted. Changes will be drastic...” –Ben Bly (in response to change question by prof. Helman).</p> <p>___ “We witnessed a lot of social changes in the book.” –Paul S. (in response to change question by prof. Helman).</p> <p>___ “We will see as many changes in our evolving society.”- Derek Woods (in response to change question by prof. Helman).</p> <p>___ “In relation, change in our society will be gradual... not as many changes.” - Austin</p> <p>___ “Islam: indigenous traditions, Western traditions are biggest influence.”-Ben Bly</p> <p>___ “Probably so. For example, look at page 3. Even though it’s bad, she’s going to conform to.”- Paul S.</p>	<p><u>Comments:</u></p> <p>___ “Opening up to new ideas. Placed in higher bracket. Were most likely elite among “regular” women.” –Max Bader [*IIC]</p> <p>___ “We’re education oriented at quite an early age, and we don’t have to worry about traditions.” –Max Bader [IIC]</p> <p>___ “Effects of European education have not really changed”- Pat Mcguire.</p> <p>“We have been taught the idea to graduate from high school and go to college. It’s just another page in <i>our</i> lives. [III C]- Matt Olivarez</p> <p><u>“Did the changes affect the husband? Any similar changes in character?”</u> Professor Helman</p> <p>___ “Yeah, we won’t be able to party as much as possible”- Matt Olivarez</p> <p>___ “Yeah, look at television. Expletives which used to be blocked are now allowed, children are exposed to things that you have no control over.”- Mike Karam</p> <p>___ <u>“Last question: did Ramatoulaye have a good life? What do you think?”</u>- Professor Helman</p>

¹ On October 5, 2005, I was assigned to be the note-taker for the day. These are the comments that were documented!