

- Passage Selections
 - p. 9, paragraph 3, “her chi, her personal god...”
 - p. 13, killing the elephant
 - p. 32, no time to spread “seed”
 - p. 22, killing slave at funeral
 - p. 10, paragraph 1, physical process = role in life
 - p. 36, men’s thoughts on relationships
 - p. 20, sex scene
 - p. 60, society
 - p. 107, saving money for education
 - p. 26, names with meaning
 - p. 22, 1st wife dies
 - P. 51, paragraph 4, manhood lost
 - P. 106, suit
- First Chapter Thoughts
 - Book started in the future, and then returned to the present
 - Exciting to realize what was happening in the following chapters
- Chi
 - Personal god
 - Spirit over them that rules their lives
 - Malevolent or benevolent
 - Slave girl ruled over Nnu Ego
 - Similar to Sundiata where two spirits existed
 - Nnu Ego’s chi was working against her
- Nwokocho Agbadi (p. 10)
 - Wealthy local chief
 - Arrogant, dominant, handsome
 - Wanted a mate who was as arrogant as him for a challenge
 - Christian women were seen as quiet and timid (p. 10)
- Women in general
 - The African tribes wanted a powerful, self-reliant women
 - Christian spread the concept of a submissive woman
- Lost of Manhood (p. 51)
 - Nnu Ego new husband Nnaife was washing women’s underwear
 - Nnu Ego thought it was embarrassing, but Nnaife thought it was an honest living
- Soldier
 - To be a soldier was looked down upon because they were men who would pillage towns and rape women
- Societal Values of Nigeria (p. 60)

- “everyone is responsible for the other person”
- Nnu Ego was trying to commit suicide, but they stopped her because in Nigeria everyone belongs to the community.
- Suicide is condemned in Nigeria
 - Everyone has a job in the community
 - It is unnatural
 - Does it have to do with the introduction of Christianity?
 - Community before self
- Nations of Busy Bodies
 - A busy body is someone who is interested in other people’s business
 - Is it a bad thing to interfere?
 - They saved Nnu Ego
 - They probably don’t see themselves as busy bodies, but rather a communal family
 - Similar to celebrity status today
 - Keeps them close as a nation
 - Even though they saved Nnu Ego, they still agree that she is a failed woman
- Nnaife’s reaction to the dead son
 - He seemed to handle it well at first
 - He told Nnu Ego, “Remember God giveth and God taketh away...”
 - The influences of
- Lost Manhood II
 - Greed for money
 - Nnaife, however, was trying to provide for his family
 - Nnaife was washing a woman’s underwear
 - Nnu Ego believes the men were like slaves
 - The men were working and serving the white man
 - Nnu Ego was coming from a culture and status with powerful, strong men
- Men vs. Women
 - Nnaife tells Nnu Ego that without him she would not be able to be pregnant (p. 51)
 - The importance of pregnancy to a women in this society
 - A women’s worth to the community is the number of children she has
- The Joys of Motherhood
 - It did not seem Nnu Ego has many joys, but more suffering
 - The joy of getting pregnant
 - The joy of saving money to educate the child
 - The joy in the desire to make the men happy