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Socratic Seminar 2: *Things Fall Apart*

Expressing your Opinion	Changing the Subject	Agreeing and Adding to an Idea
I believe that _____. In my opinion _____. I think that _____ because _____.	Does anyone have any final comments to add about _____ or shall we move on to a new subject?	I really liked _____'s idea about _____. I agree with _____. Also, _____.
Different Perspective	Evidence	Bringing others into the conversation
I understand where you are coming from, but I see it a bit differently. From my perspective, _____. That's a valid point, but I feel _____.	For example from ____ I learned ____. For instance, I have seen/read/experience _____.	Hey _____ (student name), what are your ideas on _____ (restate topic)? I would like to hear _____'s (student's name) ideas on the topic.

Directions: Answer the questions below to **prepare** for your Socratic Seminar. Make sure to use **EVIDENCE** from the text to support your answers.

Question 1

- How does Chinua Achebe use a work of fiction to make a statement about culture and what statement is the author trying to make?

I believe... _____

For example, Achebe says... _____

Question 2

- How might a culture of a community be affected when it encounters new ideas? Give examples

I think... _____

For example, Achebe says... _____

Question 3

- Is the story about the Igbo and colonization only relevant to this specific Nigerian group or is it representative of other groups as well? Explain

In my opinion... _____

For example, _____

Part II: Create three own open-ended questions to pose to the group:

1)

2)

Complete this part AFTER the socratic seminar is over - you will turn this in AFTER the socratic seminar.

Socratic Seminar Self-Assessment

Directions: Score your performance today's seminar using the following criteria:

4=Excellent, 3=Good, 2=Showing Promise, 1=Needs Improvement

___ I read the text closely, marked the text, and took notes in advance

___ I came prepared with higher level questions related to the text

___ I contributed several relevant comments.

___ I cited specific evidence from the text to support an idea.

___ I asked at least one thoughtful, probing question.

___ I questioned or asked someone to clarify their comment.

___ I built on another person's idea by restating, paraphrasing, or synthesizing.

___ I encouraged other participants to enter the conversation.

___ I treated all other participants with dignity and respect.

What I did well this socratic:	What I could improve on for next time:

What would you grade yourself overall on a scale of 0 to 100? _____