

## Igbo

WORDS OF THE DAY: CANOPY: a top layer of something. UMBILICAL CORD: a cord that connects an unborn baby to its mother.

1. Igbo is pronounced EE bo. The g is silent. There is just a throaty stop after you say EE as if you are trying to pronounce the g but it doesn't come out.
2. Let the students know that they will be re-introduced to the Igbo in a later story (if you will be using the story on slavery).
3. England and the U.S. made slave *trade* illegal in 1807. France had made it illegal at the end of the French Revolution. England made the *practice of slavery* illegal in England and its colonies in 1834. Most of South America made it illegal as well in the 1830s. Only the U.S. and a few other countries hung on to it until the Emancipation Proclamation (and in some areas) later.
4. The Igbo language system practically disappeared after the Christian churches began opening up missions in Nigeria and began to teach English. The system remained in some secret societies and only a fraction of the once vibrant language is still known.

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