

Discussion Questions:

1. How is your life the same as Ngozi's? How is it different?
2. How would you feel if you had to protect a village when you grew up?
3. Do you think society today is still separated into unspoken age grades? What about in your school?

Bingo Phrases


1. The place where Ngozi lived: Africa
2. When does the story take place: about 1800
3. Ngozi's ethnic group: Igbo
4. How many people does it take to raise a child: a whole village
5. The type of environment Ngozi lived in: rainforest
6. What type of weather did Ngozi never experience: snow
7. Groups of huts were called _____: compounds
8. What is it called when all the people in a village are descended from the male lines of one male ancestor: patrilineage
9. The Igbo worshiped _____: ancestors
10. Igbo believed that relatives were reborn as children, which is called: reincarnation
11. The Igbo buried this to ensure a permanent home: umbilical cord
12. This Igbo food is like bread to Americans: yams
13. Women planted these crops: corn, pumpkin, and beans
14. What festival did they have during harvest time: Festival of the Yams
15. Women were very skilled at: marketing produce
16. The Igbos strategic betting game was called: Okwe
17. Igbo children learned what subjects: math and language
18. Igbo written language is called: Nsibidi
19. Men and women of Igbo societies belonged to groups where they practiced either sacred or public writing, which were called _____: Secret societies
20. Groups of the same age are called: age grades
21. An Igbo age grade was assigned to do what things: protect the village and transport palm oil
22. A product highly desired in trade is _____: palm oil
23. Europeans took Igbos for: slavery
24. Ngozi chased a _____ and got lost: chimpanzee

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Age Grades	Slavery	Snow	A whole village	Palm oil
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