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Things Fall Apart – Informative Writing Assignment

Chapters 1 – 13 of *Things Fall Apart* give the reader insight into the traditions, customs, beliefs, history, and mythology that make up the Ibo culture. In a 3 page typed essay explain the Ibo culture to someone who knows nothing about it. Using your “*Things Fall Apart* Culture Tracker”, reflect on what you have read in chapters 1 – 13 of *Things Fall Apart*. Your essay should thoroughly describe at least 3 customs, 3 traditions, and 3 beliefs that make up the Ibo culture. You should also compare and contrast at least 1 Ibo custom, 1 Ibo tradition, and 1 Ibo belief to customs, traditions, and beliefs in our culture and society. You must cite examples from the book and provide a Works Cited page. The Works Cited page does NOT count as one of the three pages of the essay.

You should do a Pre-write before you start your essay and your essay must follow the essay structure of the *Essay Components* packet and must be in MLA format. The Culture Tracker will be due along with your essay on Tuesday, December 1st.

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***Things Fall Apart* – Informative Writing Rubric: /100**

The following rubric shows how many points each part of the essay is worth:

Introduction – Interesting Opener, Introduce work, Thesis Statement: /10

All components are present: 10 Components are present but weak: 7

Missing a component: 4 Missing multiple components: 2

Body Paragraphs – Topic Sentences, Supporting Examples, Explanation: /10

All components are present: 10 Components are present but weak: 7

Missing a component: 4 Missing multiple components: 2

Conclusion – Summary of main points, Closer: /5

All components are present: 5 Components are present but weak: 3

Missing a component: 1 Missing multiple components: 2

3 examples of each: Customs, Traditions, and Beliefs of the Ibo culture: /30

9 cited examples are present: 30 Not all examples are cited: 20

Missing examples and not cited: 10 No cited examples: 0

Compare and Contrast: Customs, Traditions, and Beliefs of the Ibo culture: /15

3 compare and contrast: 15 Has one component not compared or contrasted: 20

Only has one component compared or contrasted: 10 No comparisons or contrasting: 0

Works Cited Page: /10

Works Cited page with proper information: 10 Lacking proper info: 5 No works cited: 0

Your essay must be in MLA format: /10

No formatting mistakes: 10 -1 point for every formatting mistake.

Pre-Write: /10

Has examples and ideas listed: 10 No Pre-write: 0