

Harkness Discussion for African Literature

Objectives

Students will be able to...

- Effectively communicate with each other by participating in a Harkness discussion
- analyze the author's purpose for writing
- provide strong and thorough evidence to support analysis

Harkness Discussion (30 minutes)

- *Teacher explains the format of the discussion to students*
- *Students answer the "big" questions*
 - o *What was Chinua Achebe's most important purpose for writing?*
 - o *What was Achebe's purpose for writing Things Fall Apart?*
 - o *What central ideas in Things Fall Apart connect to Achebe's purposes?*
 - o *Was Achebe effective in achieving his purpose or purposes?*
- o ***Back up everything you say with evidence!***

Closure

- Students fill out self-evaluation (10 minutes)
- Teacher discusses why students receive their final grade