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## Understanding the Wisdom of a People

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Grade Level (Req.): 7th-10th grade	Content Area (Req.): World Geography, Reading	Unit (Opt.):
Connections to Other Disciplines (Opt.): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> <li>•</li> <li>•</li> </ul>		
Time Frame (Req.): 1 class period	Goal (Req.): To understand how different people use words to portray their beliefs.	
	Objective (Req.): Students will compare Yoruba and United States values.	
Materials Needed (Req.): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proverbs worksheet</li> <li>•</li> <li>•</li> <li>•</li> <li>•</li> <li>•</li> <li>•</li> </ul>	New Vocabulary (Opt.): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> <li>•</li> <li>•</li> <li>•</li> <li>•</li> </ul>	
Anticipatory Set/Introduction [Inquiry Question is required] (Req.): Are Yoruba values similar to yours?		
Instructional Sequence/Procedure (Req.): <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Go through the background information with the students: Wisdom is often collected in short, easy to remember sayings called proverbs. Proverbs tell us what people value; they tell us what people think is right, good, or important. These are Yoruba proverbs. The Yoruba live in southwestern Nigeria. Nigeria has more people than any country in Africa. In population, it is one of the ten biggest countries in the world.</li> <li>2. Give the students a copy of the worksheet with the list of Yoruba proverb and the list of values shown in the proverbs.</li> <li>3. Match the proverbs to the values. If both sets are matched correctly, the message “Worlds of Wisdom” will be formed.</li> <li>4.</li> <li>5.</li> <li>6.</li> <li>7.</li> <li>8.</li> <li>9.</li> <li>10.</li> <li>11.</li> <li>12.</li> <li>13.</li> <li>14.</li> <li>15.</li> <li>16.</li> </ol>		

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Formative Evaluation (Req.): Class participation

Assessment (Req.): Yoruba worksheet

Iowa Core Curriculum Standards Used (Req.):

- Geography, grade 9-12: Understand how human factors and the distribution of resources affect the development of society and the movement of populations.
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Common Core Curriculum Standards Used (Opt.):

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NGS Standards Used (Req.):

- The characteristics, distribution, and complexity of Earth’s cultural mosaics
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Five Themes of Geography Used (Req.):

- Place
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School District Standards and Benchmarks (Opt.):

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21<sup>st</sup> Century Universal Constructs (Opt.):

Other Disciplinary Standards (Opt.):

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Other Essential Information (Opt.):

Other Resources (Opt.):

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## **DIRECTIONS:**

Match the proverbs to the values. If you match both sets correctly, you will find another message!

### **SET 1**

#### **Yoruba Proverb**

1. The river that forgets its source will dry up.
2. The crowning of the lion is not without the Creator's sanction.
3. To be happy in one's home is better than to be a chief.
4. Extreme haste and slothfulness may lead to the same result.
5. The truthful person is considered the difficult person in the community.
6. Making use of the wisdom of others prevents a person from being considered stupid.

#### **Values Shown in Proverb**

- D. People don't always like to learn the truth.
- L. Do your work and do it carefully.
- O. What happens is God's will.
- R. Happiness is more important than power.
- S. Its smart to learn from other's mistakes.
- W. You should remember where you came from; remember your people.

#### Vocabulary

3. sanction: agreement
6. haste: hurry
7. slothfulness: laziness

### **SET 2**

#### **Yoruba Proverb**

7. An eye for an eye perpetuates vengefulness.
8. He who cannot swim must not jump into a deep river.
9. A friend is known for certain when one is in difficulty.
10. A person who accepts his guilt will not linger long in a kneeling position.
11. A person is judge according to the company he keeps.
12. If one throws pebbles into the center of the

#### **Values Shown in Proverb**

- D. The bad you do comes around and hurt someone you care about.
- F. Know your ability.
- I. If you want to be forgiven, admit your error.
- M. People will like you better if you're sweet and kind rather than scary and disgusting.
- O. Revenge doesn't solve the problem..
- O. Don't be wasteful.

market, they are likely to strike one's relatives.

13. A spendthrift forgets that what is plentiful today may be scarce tomorrow.

14. People lick not the hand that is soaked in blood, but the hand that is soaked in oil.

S. Choose your friends wisely.

W. A true friends stays with you in good times and bad.

### Vocabulary

7. perpetuates: continues

10. linger: stay longer

13. spendthrift: big spender

### **ASSESSMENT:**

Use matched letters to write the hidden message about proverbs:

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