

Marriage is a Private Affair Worksheet

A – Instructions: Using your own paper write the word and definition. Use the dictionary or the reference computer to look up the meaning of the word.

Commiserate
Cosmopolitan
Deference
Dissuasion
Forsaken

Homily
Perfunctorily
Persevere
Remorse
Theological

B – Instructions: On a separate piece of paper answer the following questions. Express your answers using complete sentences.

1. What does Nnaemeka's father try to do for him in the village while Nnaemeka works in Lagos?
2. Why does Okeke oppose Nnaemeka's choice of a wife?
3. How well do you think Nnaemeka handles his father's opposition to his marriage?
4. What is your opinion of Nene's personality and judgment?
5. This story bursts with **conflicts** among people and ideas. What are at least two of these conflicts? Does the story resolve them? If so, how?
6. How would you describe Okeke's **character**? Use details from the story to support your answer.
7. What might the rain at the end of the story **symbolize**?
8. The story's subject is a marriage that occurs against a parent's wishes, but what is the story's **theme**?

C - Instructions: *Literary Analysis: Plot.* On your own paper, create the Story Map (see page 2) on your own paper. Fill in all the sections.

Story Map

Name: _____

Setting
When: _____
Where: _____

Point of View

Conflict(s)

Theme

Plot

Conclusions

Main Characters

Title of Story

Author
