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Your topic _____

Write your research questions and notes in this organizer.

Overarching question: What happens during an Ibo wedding?

Supporting question #1: How do people agree to marry?

Notes

- The men from the groom's family visit the girl's family to see how she acts and to see if she will produce babies.
- The potential bride helps to serve a meal so that the men can see her.
- The two families negotiate a "bride price."
- The girl has little to say about the arrangement.

Quote from the text:

- "She gave the dish to her father's oldest brother and then shook hands, very shyly, with her suitor and his relatives. She was about sixteen and just ripe for marriage. Her suitor and his relatives surveyed her young body with expert eyes..." (Achebe 71).

Supporting question #2: What happens before the wedding?

Notes

- Men pound yams and split firewood.

- Women from the village help the bride's mother cook.

Quote from the text

“Some of the women cooked the yams and the cassava, and others prepared vegetable soup. Young men pounded the foo-foo or split firewood. The children made endless trips to the stream” (Achebe 113).

Supporting question #3: What happens at the wedding?

Notes

- The bride's family hosts a huge meal for the bride's village and the groom's family.
- There is no exchange of rings or vows.
- The bride and other women dance for the men.

Quote from the text

Supporting question #4: Where does the wedding take place?

Research question #3:

Notes

- Weddings take place at the home of the bride.

Quote from text

Supporting question #5: What happens after the wedding?

Notes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• After the meal the bride goes home with the groom's family for a 7 week trial marriage.	
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