

Question 3

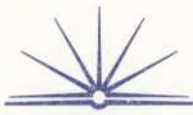
Individuality, personal history and culture are able to influence our perspectives on certain issues. Readers are made to think from a different viewpoints and with that it can also change readers' certain principles in life.

In "Things Fall Apart" by Chinua Achebe, we clearly show that the Ibo has a very high values and cultures. Chinua Achebe chose to write it in a narrative prose. The usage of proverbs ~~is~~ shows that they are rich in cultures. The art of conversation is highly regarded. The language used are detailed and descriptive. In this text, we are introduced to Okonkwo who is respected, rich, strict and mighty unlike his poor, lazy and useless father, Unoka. Okonkwo is always after fame and works very ~~hard~~ hard to gain respect and ~~to be rich~~ ^{he is industrious}. Okonkwo hates his father and never wants to be like him. We are told that he treat his family with 'heavy hands'. This makes us dislike Okonkwo but we are told that we are not to dislike Okonkwo. ~~because~~ He goes very often to ~~the~~ his "Medicine House" to pray not only for himself but also for his 8 children and 3 wives. We are then convinced ~~that after all~~ ^{and concluded that} Okonkwo is not a bad person. He loves his family and the strictness he practised at home is for the benefits of his children and himself in order not to be alike his father.



In "Whose Life is it Anyway", Brian Clark chose to convey his message which is choices of life ^{in the form of} ~~through~~ a play. In this play, we are introduced to several characters. Ken Harrison ~~is~~, a quadriplegic, who longs for life full of hope, love, sex, career and movement. Ken uses a lot of clever witty language to express his desire for euthanasia. Ken has no desire to continue living a life of hopelessness and he definitely does not want to be a medical curiosity. His desire of ending his life is not allowed by Dr. Emerson. Dr. Emerson holds very strongly to his principles that a life should be kept no matter ~~what~~ ^{how bad} the condition of the patient. This can be clearly seen in the event where Dr. Emerson forcibly injects Valium into Ken to dull ^{Ken's} ~~his~~ brain ~~from~~ to prevent him from thinking irrationally. This event not only robbed Ken ~~of~~ his dignity but also self-respect. This makes us hate Dr. Emerson for his inhumane deed and ~~sides~~ Ken. ^{that, we} With ^{strongly} believed that euthanasia should be given to Ken to end all his suffering and pain. Doctors ~~are not~~ do not have the right to ~~be~~ robbed off the freedom of choice of their patients.

Whereas in 'Changing', text 2 (a) shows a clear picture of the Aborigines. In the picture, we can see a white man, aborigines

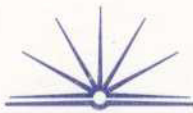


and animals. It shows the harmonious relationship within them.

In text 2(b), the picture is now so different. It is all conquered by the whites. It shows that the Aborigines are eradicated. The Aborigine is ~~only~~ replaced ~~by~~ in the form of a picture. Therefore we are reminded to live harmoniously and not look down upon people with different skin colour and culture.

In ~~my~~ ^{one of my} own text, "Crazy Fish" by Carla Fox Mazer, it tells us about a girl named Cathy whose ~~is~~ mother just passed away. She had to move in to live with his uncle who manages ~~a~~ town dump. ~~She~~ Her friends in school call her "Dump Queen" and this makes her become a very quiet girl, introvert and unhappy till she got to know a school janitor whom changes her life 180°. She then found the true meaning of life, love and hope.

Another book that I'd read called ~~the~~ "Save the Last Dance" ~~is~~ is about a girl who lost her mum in a car accident and went to stay with her dad who is living in a black community. Blacks hate whites ~~to~~ due to racism. She then befriended a black boy in high school and they fell in love with one another.



People ~~doe~~ around them does not approve their relationship.
They struggle and in the end succeed.

Therefore, we are not to be racist and judge a person by the colour of their skin.

In conclusion, individuality, personal history and culture ~~dox~~ influenced our perspectives ~~to~~ towards certain issues.