

Mr. Benton's Pre-IB English 2 Fall Exam Review

for the Multiple Choice (on Quizizz) ...

texts to study:

- Things Fall Apart (Ch. 1–18 only)
- Persepolis

notes to study:

- thematic motifs & theme claims
- weaving & citing quotations
- in-text annotations of both work
- sentence types
- graphic novel terminology

for the Mini-Essay (on Canvas) ...

You'll need to explain how Satrapi's *Persepolis* and Achebe's *Things Fall Apart* both speak to a common theme. You'll be asked to compare and contrast how these two works explore an aspect of the human experience.

You should consider, in advance, how each work speaks to various parts of the human experience. Some thematic concepts you may consider exploring in the mini-essay include (but are not at all limited to) family, mortality, fate, fear, free will, war, gender, and violence.

Your multi-paragraph response should include:

- an *opening* sentence that makes a clear *claim*
- an argument focused on theme, *not* plot summary
- a reasonable *comparison* of how the two works express some *common* ideas
- a reasonable *contrast* of how the two works *differ* in their handling of a thematic concept
- solid textual support including *at least one* properly woven, cited quotation from *each* work
- *at least one* compound-complex sentence

(Certain elements of your essay will need to be **highlighted** different colors, so please have highlighters of **at least four different colors** at the ready. More specific directions will be given on the day of your exam.)