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Write your research questions and notes in this organizer.

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| Research 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 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. | * A man usually proposes marriage to a woman and he does this by himself. * The decision to marry is his and the bride’s. * There are no arranged marriages. * No one offers a “bride price” for a potential bride. |
| 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). |  |
| Research question #2: What happens before the wedding? | |
| Notes   * Men pound yams and split firewood. * Women from the village help the bride’s mother cook. | * Families can do the preparations, or they can hire someone else, like a caterer to prepare food . |
| 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). |  |
| Research 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. | * In America weddings often involve a religious ceremony. * Most weddings involve the exchange of rings and vows. * Ibo weddings and American weddings are similar in that they both involve guests, food and music. |
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| Research question #4: Where does the wedding take place? | Research question #3: |
| Notes   * Weddings take place at the home of the bride. | * American weddings are held in many places: churches, hotels, restaurants or a special location such as a beach or a farm. * It’s unusual for a wedding to take place in someone’s home as it does in *Things Fall Apart*. |
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| Research question #5: What happens after the wedding? | |
| Notes:   * After the meal the bride goes home with the groom’s family for a 7 week trial marriage. | * After the wedding, the couple usually go somewhere to be by themselves. * There is no trial marriage. |
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