

English Std. 10 30-11-2020 Class No. 36

The Danger of a Single Story

Summary of the first two paragraphs:

This is a speech by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie. She was a Nigerian novelist. She says she is a story-teller. She tells us the danger of single stories through her experiences. She grew up in a university campus in Eastern Nigeria. She started reading when she was 4 years of age. Then she used to read mostly British and American children's books.

She started writing when she was seven. She wrote stories. All her characters were white and blue eyed eating apples and playing in the snow. Adichie never had these kinds of experiences. She says that her reading influences her writing. Adichie thought that the characters in books should be foreigners.



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(നെറ്റ് ഓൺ ചെയ്ത ശേഷം മുകളിലെ ലിങ്കുകളിൽ ക്ലിക്ക് ചെയ്യുക)

Activity -1 :

Using the following hints , write a profile of Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie



Activity -2:

Read the first two paragraphs and answer the questions

- 1. What does Adchie like to call her stories?
- 2. At what age did she start writing?
- 3. What type of books did she read when she was a child?
- 4. What idea do you get about Adchie's mother?
- 5. Who were the characters in early writing?
- 6. Why did she have such characters in her early writing?
- 7. In what way were her stories different from her real life stories?

Activity -3:

Complete the following sentences.

- 1. Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie is a
- 2. She started reading at
- 3 She read only
- 4. She began to write at
- 5. She wrote exactly the kinds of stories.....
- 6. Her characters were
- 7. Adichie thought that the characters in books........

Activity -4:

When you were young, you might have written stories or poems. Rewrite one of the stories or poems. Send it to your class group and try to publish an e-magazine. (നിങ്ങൾ ചെറുപ്പ കാലത്ത് പല കഥകളും എഴുതിയിട്ടുണ്ടാവും. അത്തരം ഏതെങ്കിലും ഒരു കഥ, ഇംഗ്ലീഷിൽ എഴുതി ടീച്ചർക്ക് അയച്ചു കൊടുക്കുക.)

Answer Key :

Activity 1

Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie was born on 15th September 1977 in Nigeria. She was educated at Drexei University and University of Nigeria. She is a novelist and speaker. Purple Hibiscus, Half of a Yellow Sun, Americanah etc. are her major works. She got awards like Women's prize for fiction, Mac Arthur Fellowship and Shorty award for literature.

Activity 2:

- 1. She likes to call her stories "The Danger of a Single Story "
- 2. She started writing at the age of seven.
- 3. She mostly read British and American books
- 4. She was a mother who encouraged her child to read and write.
- 5. Characters in her early writing were white and blue eyed. They played in the snow. They ate apples and they talked a lot about weather.
- 6. The books she read had only such people as characters.
- 7. She had never been outside Nigeria. The people in her country didn't talk about weather. They ate mangoes and not apples.

Activity 3:

1. Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie is a *Nigerian novelist and speaker*

- 2. She started reading at 4 years
- 3 She read only British and American books
- 4. She began to write at the age of seven.
- 5. She wrote exactly the kinds of stories what she had read
- 6. Her characters were white and blue eyed. They played in the snow. They ate apples and they talked a lot about weather.
- 7. Adichie thought that the characters in books should be foreigners.

Activity 4 സ്വയം ചെയ്യുക.