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HISTORY 182:
WORLD HISTORY FROM 1500 TO THE PRESENT

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Chinua Achebe, *Things Fall Apart* (New York: Anchor Books, 1994). [ISBN: 0-385-47454-7]

Your assignment is to write a brief paper (approximately 5–6 pages in length) answering one of the following questions, making sure to address all parts of the question in your paper.

1. Based on the novel *Things Fall Apart* by Chinua Achebe, what things were most highly valued in Igbo society? Were they the same things as those that were most highly valued in other regions of the world at the same time or were they different? Defend your answer.

OR

2. What does the novel *Things Fall Apart* by Chinua Achebe reveal about the clash of cultures that occurred in Igbo lands when Europeans, with their guns, governments, and missionaries, appeared and subsequently shattered the world of Okonkwo and his people? What does the destruction of Igbo culture suggest about the experience of the Amerindians of North and South America, the Aborigines of Australia, or the Maori of New Zealand in their confrontation with the modern world? Explain.

Your typed, double-spaced paper must be handed in to your DSL no later than the beginning of class, Tuesday, May 15, 2007. Submissions received after that time will be penalized ½ a letter grade for each day that they are late. No electronic submissions please!

In completing this assignment, you must put forth your arguments in clear, grammatically correct prose, free from spelling errors and other simple mistakes caught by proofreading your own

work. Evidence in the form of quotes, direct references, and indirect references drawn from the texts must be cited properly. Material (i.e., ideas and evidence) drawn from any other source must also be properly cited in your paper. Please refrain from using sources from the Internet in completing this assignment. Citations are acceptable in any of the standard forms: parenthetical notes within the text, footnotes at the bottom of the page, or endnotes at the end of the paper. Just be consistent. Although it is not necessary to use any outside sources, if you choose to do so you must attach a bibliography page at the end of your paper (which does not count toward its total length) listing these sources. You should provide the following information for each source in your bibliography:

Author's name, *Title of the book*. Place of publication: publisher, and year of publication.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to speak to me or to your DSLs at class, during our regular office hours, or via E-mail.

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