

STANDARD HIGH SCHOOL ZZANA

LITERATURE P208/1

SENIOR THREE

Instructions

- Read, Copy and Do all Exercises please

POETRY

Read the poem below and answer the questions that follow

THE BELOVED

Diko,

Of light skin, of smooth hair and long;

Her smell is sweet and gentle

She never stinks of fish

She never breathes sweat

Like gatherers of dry wood.

She has no bald patch on her head

Like those who carry heavy loads.

Her teeth are white

Her eyes are like

Those of a new born fawn

That delights in the milk

that flows for the first time from the antelopes udder.

Neither her heel nor her palm

Are rough; but sweet to touch

Like liver; or better still

The fluffy down of kapok

FULANI (Nigeria)

Questions

- (a) What is the poem about?

- (b) What feelings does the poem arouse?
- (c) In your own words , describe Dikos physical appearance.
- (d) What makes the above poem interesting?

THE RETURN OF MGOFU: Francis Imbuga

Themes

1. Good versus Bad leadership
2. Peace and unity
3. Suffering
4. Violence
5. Enmity/ Animosity between neighbours

Characters

Mwami Mhado

Intelligent, peace loving, determined , firm and eloquent

Mgofu Ngoda

Intelligent, peace loving , gentle and loving

Kedesa

Intelligent, peace loving, kind, hospitable, empathetic and respectful

Mwami Rucho

Kind, intelligent, peace loving, sacrificial and respectful

ACTIVITY

Show how the above qualities befit the said characters using evidence from the play.

Lessons from the play

1. Better choose peace than conflict
2. Good always triumphs over evil
3. War causes great suffering and misery to people

4. Change is a fact of life

5. It is necessary to get rid of certain cultures.

Sample questions

1. How is the theme of Peace and unity presented in the play, The return of Mgofu?

2. What role do the following characters play in the play, The return of Mgofu?

(a) Mwami Mhado

(b) Mgofu Ngoda

(c) Kedesa

(d) Mwami Rucho

3. How does Francis Imbuga use Dreams to advance his message in the play; The return of Mgofu?

4. What problems arise from the animosity between neighbours?

5. What important lessons do we learn from the play; The return of Mgofu?

6. Show the relevancy of the play; The return of Mgofu.