

## Sample Introduction

(ATTN) “The world as we have created is a process of our thinking. It cannot be changed without changing our thinking” (Albert Einstein). (BKG 1) One cannot make decisions to change the likes of another unless their own way of thinking changes along with that decision. If the other person or group decides to make nothing out of it then they will likely ignore it or resist it. However, in some cases one group can force another into change and in other cases they willingly change their beliefs from the influence of change. (BKG 2) These mixed acts of change are best exemplified by the European colonization of Africa. Many of the things colonization brought towards Africa instilled change, whether it was the Africans’ choice or against their will. A major goal of colonization was for the culture of Africa to be forgotten and engulfed by new European traditions. However, a native Nigerian by the name of Chinua Achebe wrote a groundbreaking novel called *Things Fall Apart* which exposed the change that the colonization made to Africans and told the story of a man who was physically and emotionally broken from these changes. This man was named Okonkwo, who valued his family and traditions more than anything, but after colonization took that away from him he was pushed towards suicide. (BKG 3) The novel was an eye opener and showed how Africa was like before and after colonization. Some of these changes were welcomed by a part of the population who felt ostracized by the indigenous traditions of tribes on the continent. Overall, the changes were viewed by the indigenous population as a forced intrusion on their culture. (THESIS) Colonization made a major impact on native Africans’ lives and their general ideology, which is shown in the novel *Things Fall Apart*.

## Sample Conclusion

(RVT) *Things Fall Apart* reflects the many changes that colonization brought to the people of Africa. (SUM) For some people in Africa, the changes to religion, government, and education systems were a welcome change. The European traditions for these people were a welcome change from the oppressive indigenous systems that were in place. Others felt that these changes were on their society against their own free will and undermined socially acceptable practices that had been in place for generations. (REL) Over time, Africans were not willing to keep letting Europeans control everything they do. With many Africans groups on the rise ready to start fighting back and heavily influential novels like *Things Fall Apart* opening the world's eyes on the some-beneficial and some-horrible things that have happened because of colonization, the world was ready to support Africa regain the culture and society they once had. Since the re-empowerment of the people of Africa, more change has occurred. Change is an inevitable fact of life and there is nothing that can be done to stop change. History is marked by change, some good, and some bad. People in the world need to be able to roll with changes or they will be left behind. The people of Africa have changed because of colonization. Some of these changes have been good, and some have been bad. (CS) Without the strong will of Africans to keep their true beliefs and customs in their heart, they may never have had the chance to change their society for the better back to the cultures and customs that set them apart as a truly unique society