

English 12: British Literature and Composition

Analysis of "Marriage is a Private Affair"

1. Explain in detail the external conflict between Nnaemeka and his father Okeke. Use quotations from the story as evidence.
2. In what way(s) are Nnaemeka and his father Okeke alike? Explain and provide supporting detail from the story.
3. Why does Okeke have difficulty sleeping at the end of the story? Be specific in your explanation and provide a supporting quotation.
4. Verbal irony occurs when a writer makes a statement but truly means an opposing idea. Explain how the title of this story is an example of verbal irony, and support your interpretation with textual evidence.