



Igbo People and Culture

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Igbo Clothing

- There are formal and informal clothes for both men and women
- Men wear a cotton wrapper, a shirt, and sandals for normal use. They wear a decorated long shirt over nicer clothes as formal wear.
- For both formal and informal occasions, women wear wrappers. But the quality of fabric is different. They also wear a blouse for formal wear.



Role of Igbo Women

- ▶ The most important thing for Igbo women is marriage, having children, and caring for the husband.
- ▶ Girls are brought up knowing that the kitchen was where she belonged and worked.



Igbo Language

- ▶ The Igbo language uses a high and low tones to show different meanings.
- ▶ The language varies from community to community which makes it hard to communicate between each other
- ▶ From the Niger-Congo family and subfamily of Volta-Niger

Igbo Village Life/Leadership

- ▶ Lived in groups of villages with a common market and meeting place
- ▶ Communities were based on age and have different roles in the village
- ▶ The age groups can become role models to the community by performing their tasks well



Igbo Political System

- ▶ Instead of having one powerful king, they have a village council that may include some elders and wealthy men
- ▶ Any Igbo man could become the leader of the village council by being successful



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