

Quiz #2 on *The Cultural Unity of Black Africa*, and Related Readings
Pan-Africanism as Cross-Cultural Dialogue
July 15, 2021

1. Based on either Farrar's discussion of the Akan *Ohemma* and the Pabir Maigira, or the Brochure by myself and Umar Mohammed, explain the key features of the system of the *Nana Ohemma* which make it among the strongest "dual-sex governance" institutions.
2. Discuss 10 key features cited by Cheikh Anta Diop to bolster his analytical paradigm of the existence of Two Cradles.
3. How does Diop refute the theory of Engels and Marx that matriarchy can be understood as just a phase that societies went through, with patriarchy as the developmentally higher state?
4. Chapter Five of Diop's work deals with the broader picture of the coming of awareness of morality by the people of the northern cradle, particularly with respect to their system of gender, patriarchy. How does he use this history to assert that the genre of tragedy is unique to the indigenous culture of the northern cradle?
5. Could it be as Diop proposes that matriarchy or matrism (woman-friendly society) has a particular connection to African and southern societies? Thinking about everything you have been taught in school and all the political expressions to Africa and to Black people, what can you suggest Pan-Africanists seeking to bring about unification do differently, specifically, in light of this exposé about African people's most unifying trait?
6. Describe one of the migrations that occur in *Segu*. Why did people move? Look up the main locations and comment on how far these movements went. If you have finished this novel, comment on it, or comment on it to the furthest pages you reached.
7. The purpose of the question above is to have you think about how migrations figure in African people's history (our history) and to open up an area of Africa to suggest that Black history can become known as a series of historical flows rather than an unknown "black box" across an ocean. But somehow, our education curriculum seems to be failing most of our graduates today. Would you say this is true, or has it not been true for you? Why?
8. Select any other assigned reading (that I have not given you questions on), summarize its key points, and comment on them.