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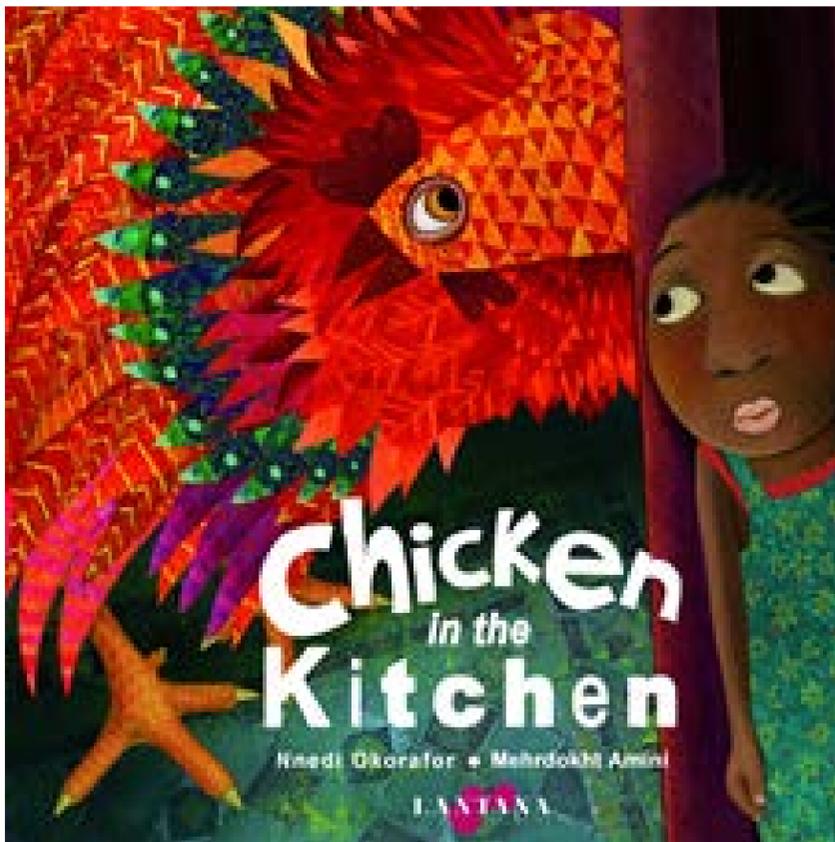
Bringing Africa to your Classroom

Chicken in the Kitchen by NNedi Okorafor

Topics Covered | Things to Introduce:

- Courage and friendship
- Igbo New Yam Festival
- Igbo Language

- Level: Primary, ages 4-8
- Country Focus: Nigeria
- Language Focus: Igbo



What would you do if you woke up one night to find the shadow of a giant chicken passing your bedroom door? Go and investigate, of course! When Anyaugo follows a giant chicken into her kitchen one warm night in Nigeria, she embarks on a fun-filled adventure where nothing is quite as it seems. Is the mischievous giant chicken a friend or a foe? More importantly, will Anyaugo be able to save the food for the New Yam Festival the next day?

From Author's Blog: About Nnedi Okorafor

Nnedi Okorafor is an international award-winning novelist of African-based science fiction, fantasy and magical realism for both children and adults. Born in the United States to two Nigerian immigrant parents, Nnedi is known for weaving African culture into creative evocative settings and memorable characters. In a profile of Nnedi's work titled, "Weapons of Mass Creation", The New York Times called Nnedi's imagination "stunning".

Discussion Questions

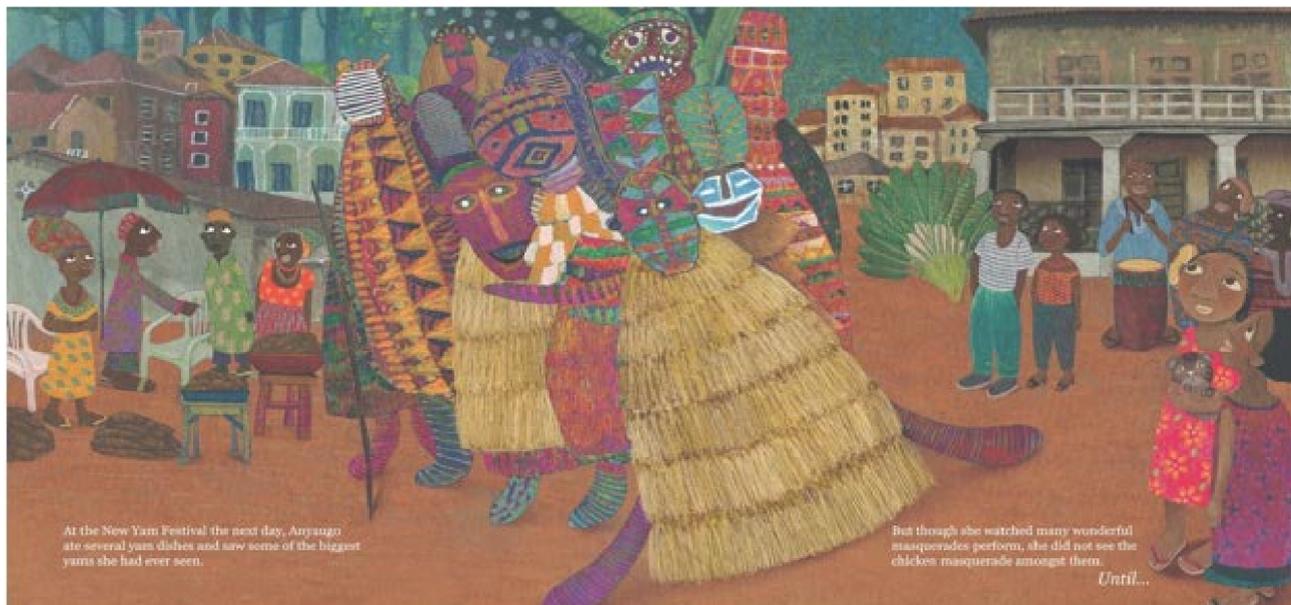
- What woke up Anyaugo as she slept at night?
- Why was Anyaugo worried about the giant chicken in the kitchen?
- What is the New Yam Festival?
- What was Anyaugo afraid to do?
- Who was Wood Wit and how did he help Anyaugo?
- What was one thing you were afraid to do but did anyways?
- How did you find the courage to do it?
- Who are some friends you can count on to help you when you needed?
- What are some festivals or events that you like to attend where you live?
- What Languages are spoken where you live?

Activity Suggestions/ Resources

Write a short story about the time when you were afraid to do something but were able to muster the courage to do it with the help of a friend. Draw pictures to help us understand. If you can, try to make it colorful.

If you liked *Chicken in the Kitchen*, you may also like:

- *Grandma's List* by Poria Dery
- *Mama Africa* by Kathryn Erksine
- *Sleep well, Siba and Saba* by Nansubuga Nagadya Isdahl



Country Fact Box: Nigeria



Capital:

Abuja

Population:

190 Million People

People from Nigeria are called:

Nigerians

Main Languages Spoken in Nigeria:

Igbo, Yoruba, English, Hausa, Fulfulde, Kanuri, Tiv

Language Box: Igbo

How many people speak Igbo as their mother tongue?

32 Million

Practice some Igbo!

Number	English	Igbo
1	One	Ofu
2	Two	Abuo
3	Three	Ato
4	Four	Ano
5	Five	Ise

Good day	<i>ubochi oma</i>
Welcome	<i>nnoo</i>
Good bye	<i>ka e mesia</i>
Please	<i>biko</i>
Thank you	<i>I meela</i>
No	<i>mba</i>
Yes	<i>e-e</i>
Man	<i>nwoke</i>
Woman	<i>nwanyị</i>

For more information on Igbo and what it sounds like, visit

<http://aboutworldlanguages.com/igbo>