Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie was born on September 15, 1977, in Enugu, Nigeria. From an early age, Chimamanda was an avid reader, especially of books written by fellow Nigerian author, Chinua Achebe. Despite her early passion for literature, she did not initially want to be a writer. At first, she studied medicine in Nigeria and then decided to move to the United States to study communication and political science. It was not until attending graduate school that Chimamanda majored in creative writing.

Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie is now a famous author. One of her most popular novels is called Half of a Yellow Sun, which was published in 2006. It has since been adapted into a movie. This novel tells the story of three characters before and during Nigeria's Biafran War. This was a civil war that caused horrible famine throughout the country.

One of Chimamanda's more recent novels called Americanah focuses on a Nigerian girl's experience studying at an American college. While the protagonist's journey seems similar to Chimamanda's own journey, the author denies that she was writing about her own experience.

Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie has already won numerous awards for her writing. Currently, she lives part of the year in Nigeria and part of the year in the United States.

Comprehension Questions

**1.** According to the text, what is one of Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie's most popular novels called?

1. Chinua Achebe
2. Biafran War
3. **Half of a Yellow Sun**
4. Americanah

**2.** Which of the following shows the sequence of events as described in the passage in the correct order?

1. Chimamanda had a passion for literature, majored in creative writing, studied medicine in Nigeria, and then moved to the United States.
2. Chimamanda had a passion for literature, moved to the United States, majored in creative writing, and then studied medicine in Nigeria.
3. **Chimamanda had a passion for literature, studied medicine in Nigeria, moved to the United States, and then majored in creative writing.**
4. Chimamanda studied medicine in Nigeria, moved to the United States, majored in creative writing, and then had a passion for literature.

**3.**  Based on the text, what conclusion can you make about Chimamanda's interests?

1. **By the end of graduate school, Chimamanda became more interested in her early passion for literature than studying medicine.**
2. By the end of graduate school, Chimamanda became less interested in her early passion for literature than studying medicine.
3. By the end of graduate school, Chimamanda became just as interested in both her early passion for literature and studying medicine.
4. By the end of graduate school, Chimamanda lost her interest in both her early passion for literature and studying medicine.

**4.** Based on the text, what likely influenced Chimamanda's writing?

1. Chimamanda living in Nigeria likely influenced her writing, but living in the United States did not influence her writing.
2. Chimamanda living in the United States likely influenced her writing, but living in Nigeria did not influence her writing.
3. **Chimamanda living in Nigeria and living in the United States both likely influenced her writing.**
4. Chimamanda living in Nigeria and living in the United States both likely did not influence her writing.

**5.** What is the main idea of the text?

1. Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie did not want to be a writer at first, so she studied medicine in Nigeria and then decided to move to the United States to study communication and political science.
2. **Although Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie developed an early passion for literature in Nigeria, she studied other subjects before finally becoming a writer and writing some novels, even earning awards for her writing.**
3. One of Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie's most popular novels is *Half of a Yellow Sun*, which is a story about three characters before and during Nigeria's Biafran War, and the novel has even been adapted into a movie.
4. One of the recent novels by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie is about the experience of a Nigerian girl studying at an American college, and Chimamanda denies that the story is about her own experience.