

Major Works Data Sheet

<p>Title: <u>The American Embassy</u></p> <p>Author: <u>Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie</u></p> <p>Date of Publication: <u>2009</u></p> <p>Genre: <u>Short Stories- Fiction</u></p>	<p>Biographical information about the author:</p> <p>Adichie, who was born in the city of Enugu, grew up the fifth of six children in an Igbo family in the university town of Nsukka. While she was growing up, her father, James Nwoye Adichie, was a professor of statistics at the university, and her mother, Grace Ifeoma, was the university's first female registrar.</p> <p>Adichie studied medicine and pharmacy at the University of Nigeria for a year and a half. At the age of 19, Adichie left Nigeria for the United States to study communications and political science at Drexel University in Philadelphia. She soon transferred to Eastern Connecticut State University. She received a bachelor's degree from Eastern, with the distinction of summa cum laude in 2001.</p> <p>In 2003, she completed a master's degree in creative writing at Johns Hopkins University. In 2008, she received a Master of Arts degree in African studies from Yale University.</p> <p>Adichie was a Hodder fellow at Princeton University during the 2005–06 academic year. In 2008 she was awarded a MacArthur Fellowship. She was also awarded a 2011–12 fellowship by the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study, Harvard University.</p>
<p>Historical information about the period of publication:</p> <p>In 2009 The 2009 Boko Haram uprising occurred and it was was a conflict between Boko Haram, a militant Islamist group, and Nigerian security forces. Violence across several states in northeastern Nigeria resulted in more than 1,000 dead, with around 700 killed in the city of Maiduguri alone, according to one military official.</p>	<p>Characteristics of the genre:</p> <p>Short stories tend to be less complex than novels. Usually a short story focuses on one incident; has a single plot, a single setting, and a small number of characters; and covers a short period of time.</p>
<p>Plot summary:</p>	

Describe the author's style:	An example that demonstrates the style:
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Memorable Quotes: You must have a minimum of five

Quote	Explain the Significance

Characters			
Name	Role in the story	Significance	Adjectives

Setting	Significance of the opening scene
	Significance of the ending/closing scene
Symbols	
	Possible Themes—Please state in complete sentences