# The Housemaid (worksheet 1)

1. Comment on how Ghanaian society is presented in the novel (find 1-2 example/s). Also consider life in Kataso vs life in the city!
2. Briefly characterize:

* Tika
* Akua
* Efia
* Teacher

1. Briefly characterize the members of Efia´s family and their role in deciding Efia´s future:

* Mother (Maame Amoakona):
* Father:
* Grandmother:
* Papa Kaawire (male relation):

1. Explain Efia´s father´s and grandmother´s plan to get Tika´s father´s wealth back to Kataso, using some of the following words and phrases in your explanation:

**nouns:** ancestors, ghost, blood money, wealth, no coincidence, destiny, the gods, tears, plea

**verbs:** to never find rest, to settle a score, to refuse to name someone, to beg, to adopt, to inherit, to transform Kataso

**adjectives:** indispensible, pregnant, forced, innocent

1. Comment on Amma Darko’s writing style in the novel, particularly focusing on her use of irony and humor (find at least two examples).

6. Describe the importance of family ties, using these words from the text:

*umbilical cord, calabash, buried, extended family, enemy, obligation, bloodline*