

1) Listen to the conversation between Mary Kingsley and Roger Casement and fill in the gaps.

***Luminous Traitor: The Just and Daring Life of Roger Casement - A Biographical Novel by Martin Duberman***



Mary Kingsley seated on the left with Casement's bulldog Patsie, Roger Casement standing on the very right, Africa, 1895

Mary Kingsley: "[...] what I am really after is fetish."

Roger Casement: "Fetish?"

Mary is genuinely surprised. "You have never heard the \_\_\_\_\_ before?"

"Mind you, I've been around, Miss Kingsley," Roger says \_\_\_\_\_.

"Vice-consul here in Calabar, before that surveying for the railway to Stanley Pool, part of Sanford's \_\_\_\_\_, and so on, but no, Miss Kingsley," Roger laughs, "no one has ever mentioned 'fetish' to me!" "It's the only thing that *matters!* It's simple, Mr. Casement. 'Fetish' is the belief system. Customs, \_\_\_\_\_, values, \_\_\_\_\_ - it's the African mind I'm after!" Her eyes dance with excitement.

"In my \_\_\_\_\_, the variations from village to village, and tribe to tribe, are considerable. Isn't that so?"

"Quite so. But certain commonalities bind them together. [...] Like the \_\_\_\_\_ in a spirit world. [...] I want to know why Africans think they're *here*. What the meaning of life is. How we should treat one another. [...] I *must* uncover the \_\_\_\_\_ of African fetish: customs, beliefs!" "Must?"

"So I can better protect them against European missionaries bent on converting them, and European \_\_\_\_\_ bent on wiping them out!" [...] Now look here, I've done all the talking! I know next to nothing about *you!*"

Roger laughs. "I agree with most of what you've said."

"I want to hear with what you don't agree with. [...]"

"Should I start with King Leopold?"

Mary literally jumps in her chair. "King Leopold?! Don't tell me you work for that skunk?"

"*Did* work. Briefly, a number of years ago, for his International African Association." [...] During my years in the \_\_\_\_\_, I've seen terrible misery, [...] [also] tribal \_\_\_\_\_, If we're to civilize the Congo - I can see you don't agree - we need to instil a sense of responsibility in the natives...The African must give off idling and learn to participate in regularized \_\_\_\_\_."