

# **Highlighting the Point of Substitutability of Leadership in Chinua Achebe's Igbo Novels**

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The novels of Chinua Achebe appear to be commenting on various issues with reference to the whole question of leadership. One of the important points, in this regard, emerging in the Achebe's Igbo novels *Things Fall Apart* and *Arrow of God* is what I call substitutability of leadership. These novels seem to be advancing the argument that the question of leadership is largely contingent upon the situations or circumstances. In this paper, I highlight how in these two novels Achebe develops two contrasting characters who are not only foil to each other but they also represent two contrasting forms of leadership.