**Reading Responses: Democracy in Nigeria**

**Democratic Transition in Nigeria**

1. Why did Nigerians have good reason to have hope in Obasanjo? What might be a counterargument to this?
2. Briefly list the nine governance problems identified by participants at the Kennedy School conference on Nigeria. Then pick the top three problems and present them 1-3, with 1 being the most substantial problem.
3. How has ethno-nationalism led to democratic paralysis and describe what Obasanjo has done to overcome this paralysis?
4. What examples of civil strife does Omo-Bare discuss? How had Obasanjo dealt with each?
5. Describe Obasanjo’s mixed record on human rights in Nigeria.
6. What did Obasanjo do to curtail corruption and prebandalism?

**Bloomberg Editorial**

1. Summarize the editorial position of the Bloomberg board in your own words.

# Opinion: Democracy is taking root in Nigeria

1. Why, according to Ekwo, might Nigerians be justified in their anxieties about the 2015 election?
2. In your own words, list evidence provided by Elkwo to substantiate his thesis that Nigerian democracy is showing signs of resilience?

# Nigeria’s Democratic Revolution

1. Why *did* Nigerians elect a former dictator with a brutal past?
2. Unpack the grown vs. developed metaphor as it applies to Nigeria.
3. What, according to Nwanze, must Nigeria do to develop?

**Miracle in Abuja**

1. Summarize the four factors that abetted democracy’s “triumph” in the 2015 election.
2. What do we see in the “All Change” graph? How can we explain this data?
3. Explain the challenges that Ogas pose to Nigerian democracy.