

Week 5 Lesson 1 Role of the chief **MEMO**

Activity – answer these questions

1. He controlled land, animals and food, he acted as a judge; he set fines for wrongdoers; he raided other chiefdoms; he helped families solve problems; he decided if the men should go to war; he would control the community's trade with outsiders; he invited people to join the community. ANY OF THE ABOVE OR OTHERS NOT MENTIONED.

2. **EXAMPLE:** He controlled land, animals and food. In this way he kept control of all the most important things needed by his people so they would always have to rely on him and be loyal to him. **ANY REASONABLE ANSWER**

3. Chiefs often demanded tax – probably cattle -which was paid to him for living under his protection.
Wrongdoers had to appear before his court. If they were found guilty, they would pay a fine which had to be paid in cattle.
The chief also obtained cattle from raids on other chiefdoms.

4. **EXAMPLE:** He needed to be **fair** as he had to be a judge and needed to set fair fines for wrongdoers.
He had to be **brave** because he had to lead his people to war.
He had to be **wise** because he had to help people solve their problems.
ANY REASONABLE ANSWER.