



GILBERT "BOBBO" AHIAGBLE



EARLY LIFE

Gilbert "Bobbo" Ahiagble was born on 31 December 1944 in Ghana, a country in West Africa. He grew up in a small village called Denu, where his family had been practising traditional weaving for many generations. As a child, he watched his father and other family members create beautiful cloth using handlooms.

A LOVE FOR WEAVING

At the age of eight, Gilbert began learning how to weave. He was fascinated by the colourful patterns and the skill it took to make them. His family wove a special kind of fabric called kente, which is one of Ghana's most famous traditional textiles. Making kente cloth requires patience, creativity, and careful attention to detail.

BECOMING A MASTER WEAVER

As he grew older, Gilbert became one of the most talented weavers in his village. He worked hard to learn the secrets of the craft and often created new designs that amazed everyone. People started calling him "Bobbo" as a sign of respect for his skills. He became a master weaver, an important position in his community.

SHARING GHANAIAN CULTURE WITH THE WORLD

Gilbert wanted to show the world the beauty of Ghana's weaving traditions. He travelled to many countries to teach people about kente cloth. He also shared stories about the history and meaning behind the patterns. Each design has its own name and tells a story, often about wisdom, bravery, or unity.

A LASTING LEGACY

Gilbert "Bobbo" Ahiagble passed away in 2012, but his work continues to inspire many. His dedication to weaving helped preserve a unique part of Ghanaian culture. Today, kente cloth is worn all over the world and remains a symbol of African pride and heritage.

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EXAMPLE QUESTIONS:

1. Where and when was Gilbert "Bobbo" Ahiagble born?
2. What kind of fabric did Gilbert's family make, and what is it called?
3. At what age did Gilbert begin learning how to weave?
4. Why did people call Gilbert "Bobbo"?
5. How did Gilbert share Ghana's weaving traditions with the rest of the world?