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Ngugi wa Thiong'o is one of Africa's most controversial and renowned literary figures. This comprehensive study explores the relationship between history and narrative in his novels.

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