My research focuses on a linguistic analysis of Yoruba anthroponyms (personal names). Personal names constitute a very significant aspect of the language and culture of the Yorubas. Hence, in my study, I look at names in terms of their forms and functions. In other words, I see a name as a linguistic construct informed by a cultural context, and argue that formal aspects of language have functional connections. Thus, while several studies in the field of linguistics often view the structure of language from a predominantly formal perspective of analysis, I contend that, through the study of Yoruba names, we can interpret the structure of language in relation to socio-cultural perspectives, where the sociocultural ecology informs linguistic configurations. Basically, I claim that language is a sociocultural mirror that reflects categories such as culture, history and religion. Thus, insights from the study would be relevant for scholars in linguistics, sociology, history, religion and anthropology.