

# Things Fall Apart

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## Chapter 20

1. Why was Okonkwo want Enzinma to wait and marry someone in Umuofia?
2. How had Umuofia changed in Okonkwo's absence?
3. What function do the kotma serve in the new society?
4. Okonkwo says that they should fight the white man and "drive them from the land." Obierika responds sadly, "It is already too late." Why does Obierika state that it is too late?



## Chapter 21

1. Why do some of the villagers (even those who are not converts to Christianity) welcome the British?
2. How did Mr. Brown interact with the people of Umuofia and their religion?
3. What arguments did Mr. Brown use to get students to come to his school?
4. What new name did Nwoye adopt? How might his new name be symbolic?
5. How did Okonkwo react to Mr. Brown's visit?
6. What are some examples of ways that Mr. Brown and the other missionaries did not truly understand the religion of the people of Umuofia?

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## Chapter 22

1. How is Mr. Smith different from Mr. Brown?
2. What is the result of Mr. Smith's black and white thinking?
3. How does Enoch provoke the men of Umuofia?
4. Why is Mr. Smith's life spared?



## Chapter 23

1. What does the District Commissioner say is the motive of the British in colonizing the Africans?
2. How does the District Commissioner trick the six leaders of Umuofia into jail?



## Chapter 24

1. How does Okonkwo's rash use of his machete again bring disaster?
2. What do you think of Okonkwo's act?



## Chapter 25

1. Why did Okonkwo commit suicide?
2. What were the implications of suicide for the people of Umuofia?
3. How could Okonkwo's suicide be seen as an act of defiance against the earth god?
4. What do you think the paragraph about Okonkwo in the commissioner's book says?
5. Do you consider Okonkwo to be a tragic hero? Explain your answer.



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## Part Three Essay

Discuss one following topics in an essay.

- Before the white man came, we had land and they had the Bible. Now we have the Bible and they have the land. This statement is common among many Native Americans and Africans. Discuss this statement and its implications in the novel citing specific events in the novel.
- Discuss Achebe's attitude toward traditional Ibo culture and the culture and religion of the British. Does he seem to prefer one to the other? If so, which one?
- Trace the course of Okonkwo's rise and fall, from his boyhood to his death. State what you consider the single most important cause of his personal tragedy, supporting your opinion with specific examples from the novel.

This essay should be a Bare-Bones minimum of 5 paragraphs long.

