

**Things Fall Apart Reading Calendar -
Chapters 1-7**

Week 5 Sep 12-16	Research Presentations today Book Check out Novel Preview	Read chapter 1 in Class together	In-Class Reading of chap 3 with reading comprehension questions. (Sub today for C/E)	Chapters 1-4 quiz TFA chap 5 Sub today A/D
Homework	none	Read Chapter 2 at home and answer questions in journal	Read chapter 4 at home and answer questions in journal	Read chapters 5-7 at home and answer questions in journal

Chapter 1 questions. (Tuesday in class)

- 1) What is the name of the main character?
- 2) What is the name of the village where the story takes place?
- 3) What is the main character known for?
- 4) Describe the physical characteristics of the main characters and find a quote to support your idea.
- 5) Describe the main character's personality and find a quote to support your idea.
- 6) Who is Unoka and what do we know about him?
- 7) What role does the Kola nut play in Ibo culture?
- 8) What kinds of religious practices are present in Ibo culture in Chapter 1?

- 9) What role do proverbs play in Ibo culture?
- 10) How does Okonkwo feel about Unoka and why?
- 11) Who is Ikemefuna and what predictions can be made about him?

Chapter 2 questions (Tuesday at home)

- 1) What do we learn about Okonkwo in chapter 2?
- 2) What news is the village talking about?
- 3) How is Umofia viewed by others in the region?
- 4) How did the community of Umofia respond to the murder of one of their own? How does that compare to the ways in which our society responds to murderers?
- 5) What is Okonkwo's relationship like with his wives?
- 6) What are gender roles like in the novel?
- 7) Who is Nwoye?
- 8) What is Ikemefuna like?

Chapter 3 questions (Wednesday in class)

- 1) Who is Agbala
- 2) Why does Unoka go to the oracle and how does the oracle respond?
- 3) What does the Oracle's response reveal about Unoka's character?
- 4) In Umofia, when people need advice, or need answers to personal questions, they consult the oracle. How is this similar or different to your religious practices?
- 5) What is the meaning of the word "chi"?
- 6) How did Unoka's status in life affect Okonkwo?
- 7) How did Okonkwo start to build his status in the village?
- 8) In Umofia, when important guests arrive, it is traditional to give a gift of a kola nut and alligator pepper. In your culture, how do people show respect when visiting important friends or relatives?
- 9) What did Okonkwo want to ask Nwakibie for?
- 10) How would you describe Okonkwo's character and why?
- 11) What have you noticed so far about the gender roles in Umofia? Give examples.
- 12) After Okonkwo gets the loan, what happens to the harvest? What might this foreshadow?

Chapter 4 (Wednesday at home)

- 1) What happens to Okonkwo's status in the clan and why?
- 2) What is Ikemefuna's role in Umofia? What do we know about this character?
- 3) What is Okonkwo's parenting style like? How similar or different is he from your parent(s)?
- 4) What is the relationship like between Ikemefuna and Okonkwo's son, Nwoye?
- 5) What happened between Okonkwo and his youngest wife, Ojiugo? What does this reveal about his character?
- 6) What is the week of peace? Does anything like this exist in your culture?
- 7) How is Okonkwo punished for his sin? How does this compare to the ways in which sins are punished in your culture?
- 8) What is the relationship between men and yams in Umofia? Why?

Chapter 5 (Thursday in class)

- 1) What religion is practiced in Umofia? What are some examples?
- 2) How are ancestors honored in Umofia? How does this compare to the ways in which your culture honors the ancestors?
- 3) What happens during the New Yam festival?
- 4) What happened to Ekwefi when she talked back to Okonkwo? What does this suggest about Okonkwo's character?
- 5) How does Okonkwo interact with his wives?
- 6) How are the family dynamics of Okonkwo's family similar or different to your family?
- 7) What do you think will happen at the wrestling match?

Chapter 6 (Friday at home)

- 1) What happens at the wrestling match?
- 2) Who is Okafo?

Chapter 7 (Saturday at home)

- 1) What is the relationship like between Ikemefuna and Nwoye?
- 2) What are some of the gender norms in Umofia? How does this compare to your culture?
- 3) What are the locusts and what might this foreshadow?
- 4) What does Umofia decide to do with Ikemefuna and why?
- 5) Why did Okonkwo have to do what he had to do?
- 6) How does Nwoye feel about some of the Ibo traditions?