



Dear sophomore student:

Welcome to Sophomore English, where you will read an extensive list of works from across the world and become a better writer! This course will challenge you to become a more critical reader, expose you to the richness of literature throughout the world and ages, and prepare you for the rest of high school and beyond. As a student in Sophomore English, you are expected to complete a summer reading assignment that must be finished prior to the first day of the Fall semester of 2019. You may buy the book or check it out from a library.

Tasks you must complete by the first day of school:

1. Read *Things Fall Apart* by Chinua Achebe. Be prepared to be assessed on your reading of the novel through a multiple choice test, and/or an essay test, and/or class discussions.
2. Complete the Summer Reading Packet. Interact actively with the text as you read. Take notes, annotate, write down questions or comments you have to share with the class, record important textual examples, and note literary elements such as setting, characterization, point of view/narration, tone, structure, themes, imagery, and symbolism.
**Your Summer Reading Packet will be evaluated when school resumes.
3. Complete the Everyday Missionary Prompt and Reflection.

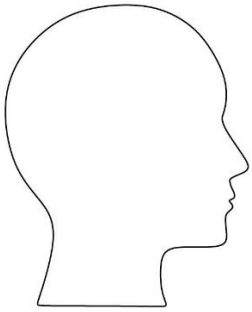
Have a super great Summer! I can't wait to meet you all!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Gravchikov
Sophomore English Teacher
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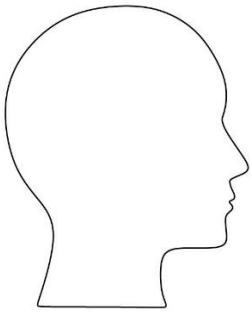
Summer Reading Packet

Chapter 1-4 Character Development

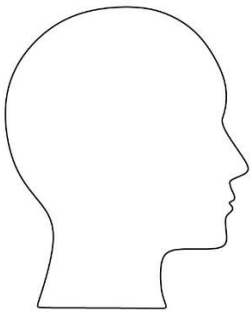
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Chapter 1-4 Annotations

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Chapter 1-4 Questions

Why was Okonkwo famous?

What influence did the oracle have on decisions made in Umofia?

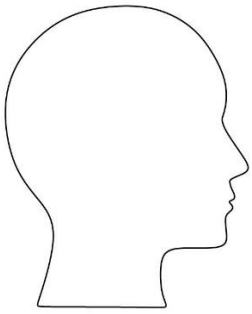
What upset Okonkwo most about his son, Nwoye?

How did Okonkwo begin his prosperous career?

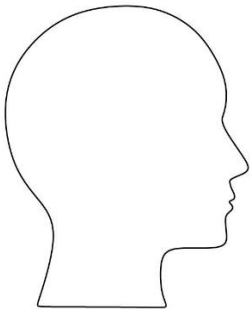
What unheard of thing did Okonkwo do during the Week of Peace?

Chapter 5-7 Character Development

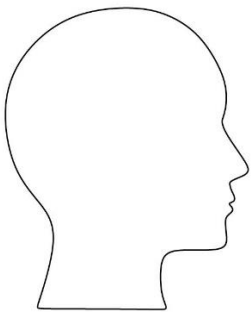
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Chapter 5-7 Questions

Describe the Feast of the New Yam.

Who was Okonkwo's favorite child, and what did he often say about the child?

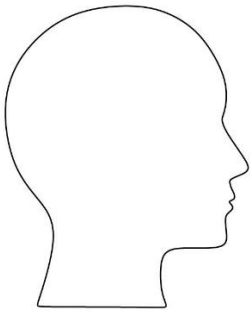
What unacceptable thing did Okonkwo do just before the Feast of the New Yam?

What sport did the villagers enjoy watching during the feasting?

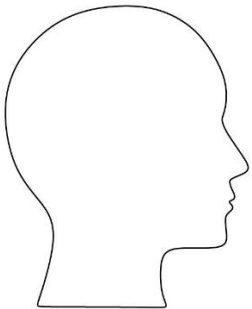
What influence did Ikemefuna have on Nwoye?

Chapter 8-10 Character Development

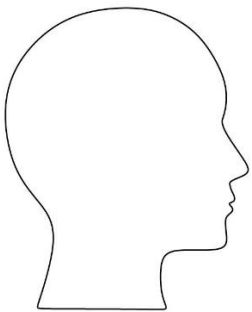
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Chapter 8-10 Questions

What did Okonkwo tell himself about his part in Ikemefuna's death?

What did Obierka tell Okonkwo about his part in Ikemefuna's death?

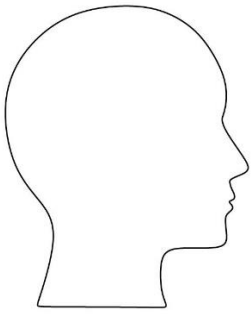
Describe the meeting to determine Obierika's daughter's bride price.

The men began discussing rumors about white men. Who did the men think the white men were?

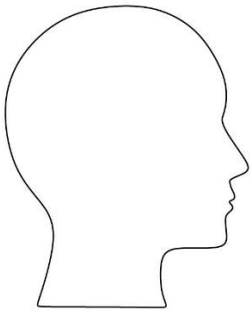
How did Okonkwo cure Exinma's iba illness?

Chapter 11-13 Character Development

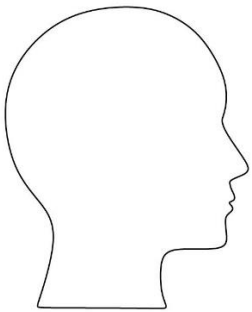
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Chapter 11-13 Questions

What was the purpose of the uri ceremony?

Describe Ezeudu's funeral.

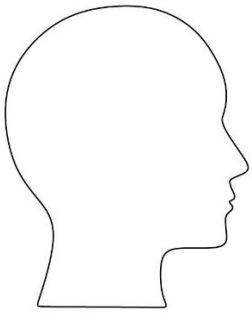
How did the author describe a man's life?

What happened during the frenzy?

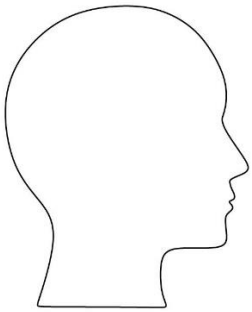
What was the reason for the clan's actions against Okonkwo?

Chapter 14-19 Character Development

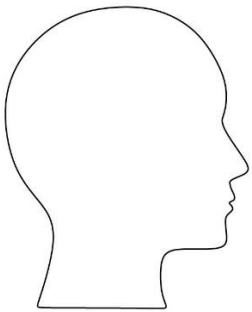
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Chapter 14-19 Questions

How did Okonkwo feel about his circumstances?

Why did Uchendu talk to Okonkwo about the Mother Supreme.

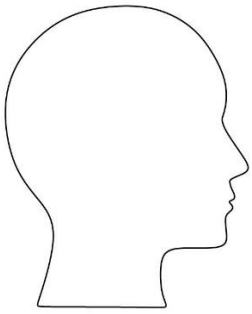
Briefly retell the story of the destruction of Abame.

What was it about Nwoye's actions that disturbed Okonkwo so much?

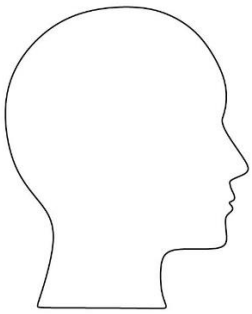
What group wanted to be admitted to the Christian church, and what happened?

Chapter 20-25 Character Development

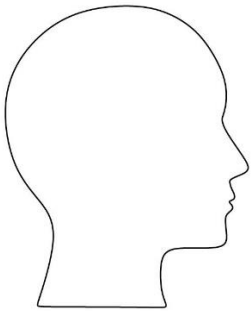
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Chapter 20-25 Questions

How did Okonkwo feel about his return to the clan?

What message did Okonkwo give to his sons and daughters after Nwoye left the family?

What was Mr. Brown's conclusion about the religion of the clan? How did he act to gain converts?

What was the result of the action taken by the egwugwu?

How did Okonkwo feel when he returned from the white man's prison?

Everyday Missionary Prompt/ Reflection

In the book “Things Fall Apart” by Chinua Achebe, we see the effect the white missionaries had on an African tribe and Okonkwo. I want us to embark on a project that will take us out of our comfort zones and give us a taste of the “missionary” life. Acts 13:47 says “For so the Lord has commanded us, saying, “I have made you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth.” Your task is to share the message of Jesus with *two people* this Summer. One person needs to be someone you know, and one person needs to be a complete stranger. Pray and ask God for opportunities and then obey! Follow His obedience. 2 Timothy 4:17 says “But the Lord stood at my side and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it.” Jesus is by your side! You will also need to write a reflection on your experience. You need one paragraph per person (so two total.) Each paragraph needs to be a minimum of 8 sentences. I can’t wait to hear about how the Lord uses you!