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Sophomore Summer Reading Assignment

Over the summer mandatory reading logs are to be completed based on the assigned 10th grade text. The logs will be reviewed by the English teacher. Additionally, each sophomore is to complete a graphic organizer to categorize thinking and understanding of the text. The graphic organizers will also be reviewed by the English teacher. Finally, be prepared for an exam based on the assigned reading. The exam will be administered during the second week of school, approximately. The exam will consist of short answer essays and multiple choice questions.

The 10th grade text is Things Fall Apart by Chinua Achebe

NOTE: Hard copies of the log and the graphic organizer are provided. Additional copies of the logs and the graphic organizer are available at the school website www.mckeecths.org



Name: _____

July 2

Start reading the book *Things Fall Apart*
You have 38 days to read this book.

Started reading at _____ and finished reading at _____.

I read up to page _____ today.

3 new words I learned today: _____

Here is what happened today:

Note characters; setting; and conflict while reading.

Did the beginning of the book give a clear picture of the characters and setting? Explain.

Name: _____

July 3

You have 37 days left to finish *Things Fall Apart*

Started reading at _____ and finished reading at _____.

I read up to page _____ today.

3 new words I learned today: _____

Here is what happened today:

Note characters; setting; and conflict while reading.

July 4

You have 36 days left to finish *Things Fall Apart*

Started reading at _____ and finished reading at _____.

I read up to page _____ today.

3 new words I learned today: _____

Name: _____

Here is what happened today:

Note characters; setting; and conflict while reading.

July 7

~~You have 35 days left to finish *Things Fall Apart*~~

Started reading at _____ and finished reading at _____.

I read up to page _____ today.

3 new words I learned today: _____

Here is what happened today:

Name: _____

Note characters; setting; and conflict while reading.

Are you interested in the storyline so far? If so, what makes it interesting? If not, tell what could be changed to make it more interesting.

July 8

You have 34 days left to finish *Things Fall Apart*

Started reading at _____ and finished reading at _____.

I read up to page _____ today.

3 new words I learned today: _____

Here is what happened today:

Name: _____

Note characters; setting; and conflict while reading.

Are you like or unlike the main character? Explain the similarities and differences.

, July 9

You have 33 days left to finish *Things Fall Apart*

Started reading at _____ and finished reading at _____.

I read up to page _____ today.

3 new words I learned today: _____

Here is what happened today:

Name: _____

Note characters; setting; and conflict while reading.

July 10

You have 32 days left to finish *Things Fall Apart*

Started reading at _____ and finished reading at _____.

I read up to page _____ today.

3 new words I learned today: _____

Here is what happened today:

Note characters; setting; and conflict while reading.

Name: _____

July 11

You have 31 days left to finish *Things Fall Apart*

Started reading at _____ and finished reading at _____.

I read up to page _____ today.

3 new words I learned today: _____

Here is what happened today:

Note characters; setting; and conflict while reading.

Are there any questions or concerns you have about what you read today?

Name: _____

July 14

You have 30 days left to finish *Things Fall Apart*

Started reading at _____ and finished reading at _____.

I read up to page _____ today.

3 new words I learned today: _____

Here is what happened today:

Note characters; setting; and conflict while reading.

How does the setting affect the attitudes of the characters?

Name: _____

July 15

You have 29 days left to finish *Things Fall Apart*

Started reading at _____ and finished reading at _____.

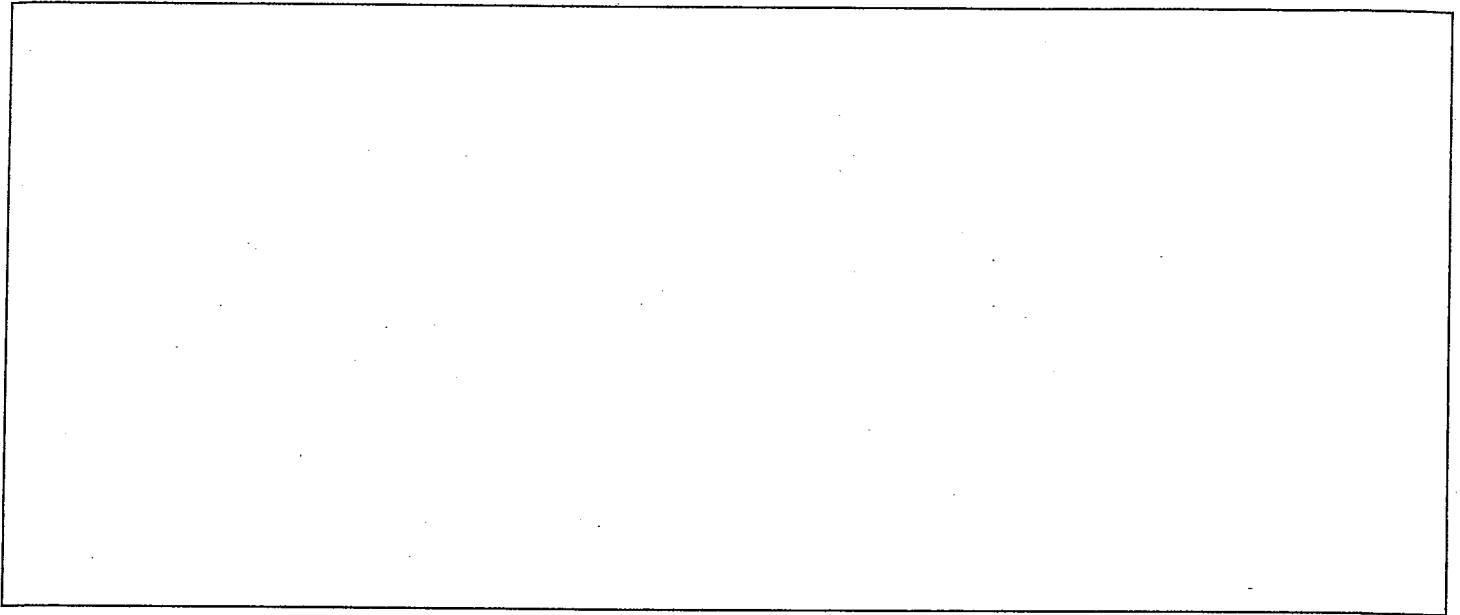
I read up to page _____ today.

3 new words I learned today: _____

Here is what happened today:

Note characters; setting; and conflict while reading.

Name: _____



Draw a diagram to illustrate the frequency of interaction and the level of connectivity between the characters of the story.

July 16

You have 28 days left to finish *Things Fall Apart*

Started reading at _____ and finished reading at _____.

I read up to page _____ today.

3 new words I learned today: _____

Here is what happened today:

Note characters; setting; and conflict while reading.

Name: _____

What is the overall mood of the characters in the story?

July 17

You have 27 days left to finish *Things Fall Apart*

Started reading at _____ and finished reading at _____.

I read up to page _____ today.

3 new words I learned today: _____

Here is what happened today:

Note characters; setting; and conflict while reading.

Name: _____

July 18

You have 26 days left to finish *Things Fall Apart*

Started reading at _____ and finished reading at _____.

I read up to page _____ today.

3 new words I learned today: _____

Here is what happened today:

Note characters; setting; and conflict while reading.

(from Chapters 5-9)

What news does Ekwefi tell Okonkwo at the beginning of Chapter 9?

Name: _____

July 21

You have 25 days left to finish *Things Fall Apart*

Started reading at _____ and finished reading at _____.

I read up to page _____ today.

3 new words I learned today: _____

Here is what happened today:

Note characters; setting; and conflict while reading.

July 22

You have 24 days left to finish *Things Fall Apart*

Started reading at _____ and finished reading at _____.

I read up to page _____ today.

3 new words I learned today: _____

Name: _____

Here is what happened today:

Note characters; setting; and conflict while reading.

(from Chapters 5-9)

Why do several men visit Obierika's hut?

July 23

You have 23 days left to finish *Things Fall Apart*

Started reading at _____ and finished reading at _____.

I read up to page _____ today.

3 new words I learned today:

Here is what happened today:

Name: _____

Note characters; setting; and conflict while reading.

(from Chapters 5-9)

What special event is the village preparing for?

July 24

~~You have 22 days left to finish *Things Fall Apart*~~

Started reading at _____ and finished reading at _____.

I read up to page _____ today.

3 new words I learned today: _____

Here is what happened today:

Name: _____

Note characters; setting; and conflict while reading.

What do you think is the author's purpose for writing this story?

July 25

You have 21 days left to finish *Things Fall Apart*

Started reading at _____ and finished reading at _____.

I read up to page _____ today.

3 new words I learned today: _____

Here is what happened today:

Name: _____

Note characters; setting; and conflict while reading.

What is the general theme of this book?

July 28

~~You have 20 days left to finish *Things Fall Apart*~~

Started reading at _____ and finished reading at _____.

I read up to page _____ today.

3 new words I learned today: _____

Here is what happened today:

Name: _____

Note characters; setting; and conflict while reading.

July 29

You have 19 days left to finish *Things Fall Apart*

Started reading at _____ and finished reading at _____.

I read up to page _____ today.

3 new words I learned today: _____

Here is what happened today:

Note characters; setting; and conflict while reading.

Name: _____

Which character is best portraying the author's theme? Give reasons for your answer.

July 30

You have 18 days left to finish *Things Fall Apart*

Started reading at _____ and finished reading at _____.

I read up to page _____ today.

3 new words I learned today: _____

Here is what happened today.

Note characters; setting; and conflict while reading.

Name: _____

July 31

You have 17 days left to finish *Things Fall Apart*

Started reading at _____ and finished reading at _____.

I read up to page _____ today.

3 new words I learned today: _____

Here is what happened today:

Note characters; setting; and conflict while reading.

(from Chapters 10-13)

Who comes to Okonkwo's compound for Ezimna?

August 1

You have 16 days left to finish *Things Fall Apart*

Started reading at _____ and finished reading at _____.

I read up to page _____ today.

Name: _____

3 new words I learned today: _____

Here is what happened today:

Note characters; setting; and conflict while reading.

August 4

You have 15 days left to finish *Things Fall Apart*

Started reading at _____ and finished reading at _____.

I read up to page _____ today.

3 new words I learned today: _____

Here is what happened today:

Name: _____

Note characters; setting; and conflict while reading.

What is the moral of the story? How can you relate the moral to your own life experiences?

(from Chapters 10-13)

Who else appears on the scene?

August 5

You have 14 days left to finish *Things Fall Apart*

Started reading at _____ and finished reading at _____.

I read up to page _____ today.

3 new words I learned today: _____

Name: _____

Here is what happened today:

Note characters; setting; and conflict while reading.

August 6

~~You have 13 days left to finish *Things Fall Apart*~~

Started reading at _____ and finished reading at _____.

I read up to page _____ today.

3 new words I learned today: _____

Here is what happened today:

Name: _____

Note characters; setting; and conflict while reading.

(from Chapters 10-13)

What disaster happens during Ezeudu's funeral?

August 7

You have 12 days left to finish *Things Fall Apart*

Started reading at _____ and finished reading at _____

I read up to page _____ today.

3 new words I learned today: _____

Here is what happened today:

Note characters; setting; and conflict while reading.

Name: _____

How is the conflict of the story affected by the setting?

August 8

You have 11 days left to finish *Things Fall Apart*

Started reading at _____ and finished reading at _____.

I read up to page _____ today.

3 new words I learned today: _____

Here is what happened today:

Note characters; setting; and conflict while reading.

Name: _____

What problem presents itself in the story? How would you solve the problem?

(from Chapters 14-19)

What two aspects of the missionary's message influence Nwoye most deeply?

August 11

You have 10 days left to finish *Things Fall Apart*

Started reading at _____ and finished reading at _____.

I read up to page _____ today.

3 new words I learned today: _____

Here is what happened today:

Name: _____

Note characters; setting; and conflict while reading.

August 12

You have 9 days left to finish *Things Fall Apart*

Started reading at _____ and finished reading at _____.

I read up to page _____ today.

3 new words I learned today: _____

Here is what happened today:

Note characters; setting; and conflict while reading.

Name: _____

(from Chapters 14-19)

What then happens to the Abame clan?

August 13

You have 8 days left to finish *Things Fall Apart*

Started reading at _____ and finished reading at _____.

I read up to page _____ today.

3 new words I learned today: _____

Here is what happened today:

Note characters; setting; and conflict while reading.

Name: _____

August 14

You have 7 days left to finish *Things Fall Apart*

Started reading at _____ and finished reading at _____.

I read up to page _____ today.

3 new words I learned today: _____

Here is what happened today:

Note characters; setting; and conflict while reading.

August 15

You have 6 days left to finish *Things Fall Apart*

Started reading at _____ and finished reading at _____.

I read up to page _____ today.

3 new words I learned today: _____

Name: _____

Here is what happened today:

Note characters; setting; and conflict while reading.

August 18

You have 5 days left to finish *Things Fall Apart*

Started reading at _____ and finished reading at _____.

I read up to page _____ today.

3 new words I learned today: _____

Here is what happened today:

Name: _____

Note characters; setting; and conflict while reading.

(from Chapters 14-19)
How does Okonkwo react to the news about Nwoye?

August 19

You have 4 days left to finish *Things Fall Apart*

Started reading at _____ and finished reading at _____

I read up to page _____ today.

3 new words I learned today: _____

Here is what happened today:

Note characters; setting; and conflict while reading.

Name: _____

, August 20

You have 3 days left to finish *Things Fall Apart*

Started reading at _____ and finished reading at _____.

I read up to page _____ today.

3 new words I learned today:

Here is what happened today:

Note characters; setting; and conflict while reading.

Name: _____

August 21

You have 2 days left to finish *Things Fall Apart*

Started reading at _____ and finished reading at _____.

I read up to page _____ today.

3 new words I learned today: _____

Here is what happened today:

Note characters; setting; and conflict while reading.

August 22

Finish reading the book *Things Fall Apart*

Finally, you can finish this book today!

Started reading at _____ and finished reading at _____.

I read up to page _____ today.

Name: _____

3 new words I learned today: _____

Here is what happened today:

Note characters; setting; and conflict while reading.

Major Characters - Apart from the protagonist, several characters are developed in some detail. Select one of these and write a character profile. In the profile, describe the character's inner personality and consider what that reveals about the Igbo culture at the time the novel takes place.

Name: _____

Historical/Cultural Context - What aspect of the Igbo culture did you find most interesting? This could relate to religious beliefs, social practices, or political institutions. Describe one of these and explain why you find it interesting or thought provoking.

_____ Okonkwo believes the seven years he spent in Mbanta were a waste of time.

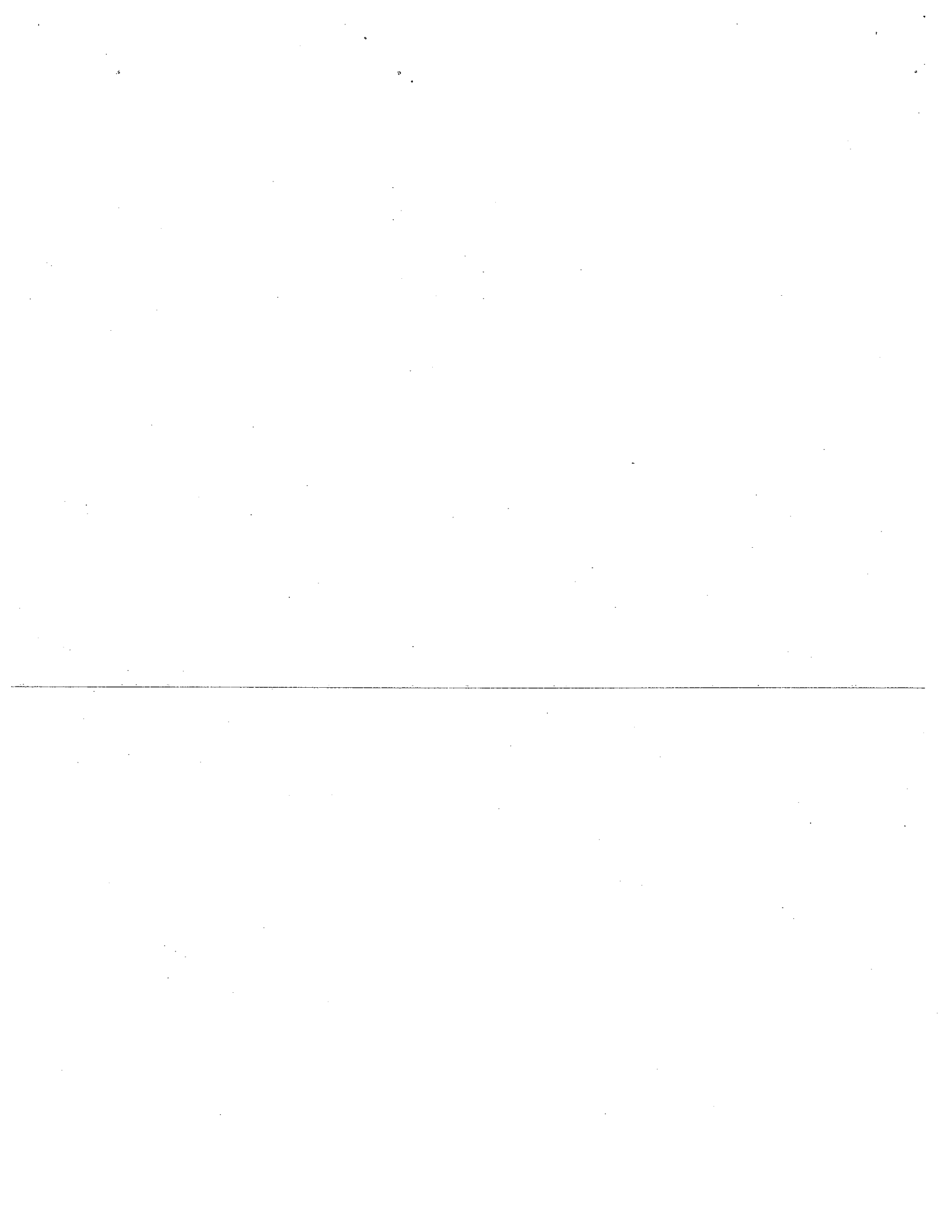
- A. True
- B. False

_____ Okonkwo is troubled by the death of _____.

- A. Ezeudu
- B. Obierika
- C. His first wife
- D. Ezimna

_____ Ezimna is considered an ogbanje.

- A. True
 - B. False
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Summer Reading Analysis Graphic Organizer

Identify the Central Theme from your reading:

Identify the following Literary Terms:

*Characterization –

*Internal Conflict –

*External Conflict –

Identify the Historical Significance/Theme (i.e. power, technology, conflict, culture, etc.):

*Antagonist – Protagonist

*Setting –

Imagery- Sensory Details / Textual Evidence:

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Research quotes and identify one that relates to the Central Idea of the novel.
Resources you can use , among others are:

- www.quoteland.com
- www.BrainyQuote.com

