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Things Fall Apart by Chinua Achebe

Title _____

Author _____

of pages _____

Main Characters _____

Setting _____

Introduction - How is Okonkwo introduced in the opening paragraphs?

Point of View - The third person omniscient narrator is generally an objective reporter of events. What indications, if any, are there that the narrator views the arrival of the white missionaries and their government as a negative development?

Conflict - Okonkwo is involved in several conflicts, both internal and external, throughout the novel. List and describe what you consider the three conflicts that are most significant in shaping the life and fate of the novel's protagonist.

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.

Plot Summary - Outline the major events in the storyline. Be sure to include the following: initial incident; rising action (two events); complication; turning point; climax; falling action (two events); resolution.

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.

Recommendations - Would you recommend this book to high school students?
Give at least three specific reasons for your opinion.
