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*Things Fall Apart* Introductory Video

Respond to the following questions as you view the video by Annenberg Media on Achebe’s *Things Fall Apart*.

1. List 2 possible reasons you think the novel is so highly respected and revered among scholars?

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1. Give 2 details about the Igbo (Ibo) people as described by the video.

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1. What is Okonkwo’s main goal in the novel?
2. How is Okonkwo’s father, Unoka, described? How did Unoka negatively affect Okonkwo’s life?
3. What mafia character is Okonkwo compared to? How are they similar? How does this affect the audience’s perception of them?
4. What is interesting about young Achebe’s view of literature like *Gulliver’s Travels, Treasure Island, and David Copperfield?*
5. So then, in your own opinion, why do you feel he wrote *Things Fall Apart* after going to college and reconnecting with his traditional African culture?
6. Why does Okonkwo participate in the murder of Ikemefuna? Why is this deemed unnecessary by the other men in the village?
7. Why is Okonkwo exiled for 7 years?
8. When he returns to Umuofia, how has it changed?
9. What importance did the novel have in the United States in the 1960’s?
10. Why was colonialism too much for Okonkwo? What does this suggest about a person’s and a culture’s response to the inevitability of change?