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*Things Fall Apart* Ch 14-19

**Vocabulary:** Use the context to determine the meaning of the underlined word in each of the following sentences. Then draw a line from each word to its deintiion below.

* If you haven’t completed the requisite documents, the department will not issue a passport.
* Black clouds overhead were an ominous sign of storms approaching our area.
* The ants perseverd until they stripped the entire plant of lal its green leaves.
* Everyone was certain the convicted criminal would receive a long jail term for committing a despicable crime.
* She had a perplexed expression on her face as hse tried to read the map after it had been torn.
* The heavy bombing almost annihilated the city.
* After revealing embarrassing secrets in his books, the author was ostracized by his entire family.
* Frost on the ground in October is a harbinger of a cold winter ahead.

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1. requisite a. maintained a purpose in spite of difficulties

2. ominous b. completely destroyed

3. persevered c. bewildered; puzzled

4. despicable d. required or necessary

5. perplexed e. banished; shunned

6. annihilated f. anything that foreshadows a future event

7. ostracized g. threatening evil or harm

8. harbinger h. vile; detestable

**Questions:**

1. How did Uchendu and his mother’s other kinsmen try to make Okonkwo’s banishment to their village as comfortable as possible?

1. Why was Okonkwo’s life on his new farm compared to “learning to become left-handed in old age”?

1. What news did Obierika bring to Okonkwo during his second year of exile? What did this even reveal about the Ibo and their world?

1. What disturbing news did Obierika bring to Okonkwo during his fourth year of exile? Why did this news disturb Okonkwo?
2. What feature of Christianity was especially appealing to Okonkwo’s son Nwoye? How was this appeal consistent with Nowye’s earlier behavior? How did Okonkwo’s reaction confirm Nwoye’s decision to accept Christianity?

1. Why did the village elders ofer land to the missionaries to build a church? How did this plan backfire?
2. How did the acceptance of Ibo outcast sstrengthen the Christian church in Mbanta?
3. How did Okonkwo mark the occasion of his leaving Mbanta? Why did he do this? What message did he impart to the men of his clan?
4. Why do you think banishment might have been worse for Okonkwo than for most other members of his village?
5. Do you think it was wrong for the villagers of Abame to kill the white man who rode a bicycle into their village? Did the villagers deserve their punishment?