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**Vocabulary:** Synonyms are words with similar meanings. Draw a line from each word in column A to its synonym in column B.

**A. B.**

1. Delirious a. Obscure
2. Esoteric b. Infamous
3. Luxuriant c. Piercing
4. Notorious d. Raving
5. Prominent e. Quivering
6. Shrill f. Conspicuous
7. Sullen g. Abundant
8. Tremulous h. Glum

**Questions:**

1. How were legal matters handled in Okonkwo’s village? What did the disposition of Mgbafo’s case indicate about the status of women?

1. What did Ekwefi’s night-long walk reveal about her? Why do you think Okonkwo followed behind her?

1. How were the villagers informed that someone died? What evidence showed that it was a warrior’s funeral?

1. Why was Okonkwo exiled from his village?
2. Why do you think the Ibo hearing was preceded by religious ceremony and decisions were made by people impersonating ancestral spirits?

1. What human qualities were valued and which ones were criticized in the tale told by Ekwefi?
2. What aspects of life were regulated by custom in Okonkwo’s village? What aspects of life offered people free choice? Do you think life was over-regulated or that life was pleasant because it was so well-ordered?
3. Do you think Okonkwo’s family should have been forced to share Okonkwo’s punishment?
4. Why do you think Achebe did not name the slain youth?

**Literary Device: Point of View**

Point of view refers to the voice telling the story. It could be third person narrative in which the author tells the story, or first person narrative in which one of the characters tells the story. In this third person narrative, find examples of the following:

* narrator who knows the thoughts of several characters

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* narrator who seems to be in the mind of Okonkwo

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* narrator who seems to be in the mind of some other character

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