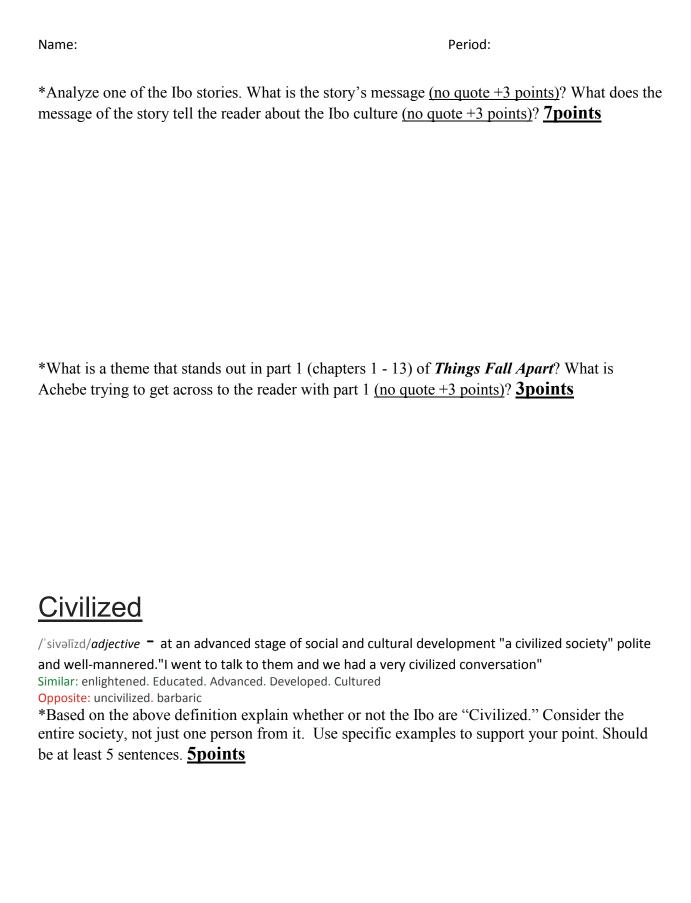# *Things Fall Apart* - part 1 - Chapters 1 – 13 – Reading Notes

PART 1 – Each question requires a <u>quote from the text with a listed page number</u> and a <u>three sentence explanation</u> commenting on how the quote answers the question. Each question is worth 4 points each – 1 for the quote, 3 for the explanation. <u>29 points total.</u>

*Analyze Okonkwo's character. How does Okonkwo treat people <u>(Quote & 3 sentence explanation +4 points)</u>? What are the implications of Okonkwo's personality traits <u>(no quote +3 points)</u>? **<u>7points</u>**

*Analyze the New Yam Festival and one other Ibo custom. What do these customs tell the reader about the Ibo people <u>(Quote & 3 sentence explanation +4 points)</u>? Compare both customs to a custom that you are familiar with <u>(no quote +3 points)</u>. **7points**

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*Analyze one of the Ibo stories. What is the story's message (no quote +3 points)? What does the message of the story tell the reader about the Ibo culture (no quote +3 points)? **7points**

*What is a theme that stands out in part 1 (chapters 1 - 13) of ***Things Fall Apart***? What is Achebe trying to get across to the reader with part 1 (no quote +3 points)? **3points**

Civilized

/ˈsivəlīzd/*adjective* **-** at an advanced stage of social and cultural development "a civilized society" polite and well-mannered."I went to talk to them and we had a very civilized conversation"
Similar: enlightened. Educated. Advanced. Developed. Cultured
Opposite: uncivilized. barbaric
*Based on the above definition explain whether or not the Ibo are "Civilized." Consider the entire society, not just one person from it. Use specific examples to support your point. Should be at least 5 sentences. **5points**

29 points total

Things Fall Apart - Parts 2 and 3 – Chapters 14 – 25 – Reading Notes

Each question requires a <u>quote from the text with a listed page number</u> and a <u>three sentence explanation</u> commenting on how the quote answers the question. Each question is worth 4 points each – 1 for the quote, 3 for the explanation. <u>39 points total.</u>

*What advice does Okonkwo's uncle Uchendu give Okonkwo and his cousins <u>(Quote +3 points)</u>? Do you agree or disagree with the advice <u>(NO Quote +3 points)</u>?

*What is a theme that stands out in part 2 (chapters 14 - 19) of ***Things Fall Apart***? What is Achebe trying to get across to the reader with part 2 <u>(no quote +3 points)</u>? **3points**

*Identify two different cultural beliefs of the Christians and the Ibo <u>(2 Quotes +4 points)</u>. Analyze and explain what these different beliefs tell the reader about each respected religion <u>(NO Quote +4 points)</u>.

*Is it ok to impose cultural beliefs on another culture? Use evidence from the book to support your point <u>(Quote & 3 sentence explanation +4 points)</u>.

*How do the egwugwu react to the offense against their culture <u>(Quote +3 points)</u>?
Is their reaction reasonable? Explain your answer (<u>NO Quote +3 points)</u>.

*Based on how the European judicial system handles situations and how
Umuofia's judicial system handles situations, which one would you say is more
reasonable and fair <u>(3 sentence explanation +3 points)</u>?

*What are some possible reasons for Okonkwo's actions at the end of the book (3 sentence explanation +3 points)?

*What is a theme that stands out in part 3 (chapters 20 - 25) of **Things Fall Apart**? What is Achebe trying to get across to the reader with part 3 (no quote +3 points)?

39 points total