**Things Fall Apart – Literary Road Map**

**Chapters 11-13**

**Word Mastery**

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| **impenetrable** (adj.) solid, dense | **voluble** (adj.) talkative |
| **eloquent** (adj.) describes clear and intelligent speech | **prophesy** (v.) to tell the future or to speak for gods |
| **gravely** (adv.) badly, seriously | **closefisted** (adj.) miserly, penny-pinching, greedy |
| **lamentation** (n.) sound or cry of sorrow  | **sediment** (n.) the residue or remains after a flood  |

**Essential Questions (Theme of Unit)**

* What is a community?
* What role does ritual and tradition play in a community?
* What happens when we join or leave a community?

**Getting it Straight - Answer all of these questions. Complete sentences are optional.**

**Ch. 11**

1. What do the women and children do on the pitch black nights?
2. What value does the story of the tortoise and the birds teach?
3. How are Agbala’s messages carried to the people?
4. The end of this chapter is an example of *situational irony*. Why is it ironic?

**Ch. 12**

1. How does Okonkwo protect his pride when Ezinma is taken?
2. Describe the celebration in this chapter.

**Ch. 13**

1. What does the *ekwe*’s purpose?
2. The funeral sounds like complete chaos at first. What signs are there that it is a controlled chaos?
3. Why does the village cleanse itself after Okonkwo’s crime?

**Delving In – complete the theme tracking chart on the back of this sheet**

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THE *THEME NOTES* ON THE BACK.

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| **EXAMPLE:**A parent cannot control the destiny of their child, they may only influence it. | p. 51 Nwoye begins to grow into a young man. Starts to behave like women are a nuisance. | p. 52 “Nwoye knew it was right to be masculine and to be violent, but somehow he still preferred the stories that his mother used to tell...” | p. 60 Nwoye shows signs of disagreeing with his village’s traditions. | p. 63 Okonkwo says that “a bowl of pounded yams can throw” Nwoye in a fight. |