**Things Fall Apart – Literary Road Map**

**Chapters 5-7**

**Word Mastery**

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| **aimlessly** (adv.) without direction or purpose | **suppressed** (adj.) held back, contained |
| **console** (v.) to sooth someone who is upset | **feverishly** (adv.) excitedly, with great energy |
| **disembodied** (adj.) abstract, not concrete or physical | **feign** (v.) to fake or pretend |
| **harbinger** (n.) omens, warnings, signs | **descend** (v.) to fall or land |

LITERARY DEFINITIONS

**juxtaposition** – when two contrasting images, characters, or ideas are put next to each other in a work, *ex. Shooting the climax of a scary movie in the middle of a joyful festival.*

**mood** – the emotion a piece of writing creates in the reader, often created by imagery

**foreshadowing** – clues in the novel of something to come, can be obvious or very subtle

**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. 5**

1. What event in your own life seems similar to the New Yam Festival? How is it similar?

2. In your own words, describe how Okonkwo’s different wives relate to each other.

3. What incident in this chapter makes clear that Okonokwo’s children respect Ikemefuna?

**Ch. 6**

4. What do Ekwefi and Chielo mean when they say that they hope Ezinmna (Ekwefi’s daughter) will “stay”?

5. How can you tell that news travels fast in the village? Give two examples from the chapter.

**Ch. 7**

6. What simile is used to describe Ikemefuna’s growth spurt?

7. What conflict is Nwoye experiencing in the beginning of chapter seven?

8. Why does Ogbuefi Ezeudu visit Okonkwo?

9. What two incidents make “something give way inside” Nwoye?

**Delving In – Answer both questions in bold and choose any other to answer.**

**1. Okonkwo is a complicated character. Based on what you’ve read in these chapters, what things are most important to him in life? What conflicts arise because of his priorities?**

2. Although it is supposed to be a secret, everyone seems to know what will happen to Ikemefuna. How can you tell that everyone knows?

**3. This chapter juxtaposes two very different moods. What are the two moods? Why do you think Achebe put them in the same chapter?**

4. Make a prediction about how Ikemefuna’s death will affect Nwoye. Use information from the book to support your prediction.