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Things Fall Apart Take Home Quiz (Ch. 2-3)- 5 points each

#6, 7, & 8 ARE REQUIRED. YOU MAY CHOOSE ANY 2 FROM #1-5.
THE BONUS QUESTION IS WORTH 10 POINTS.

1. Explain the effect of night on the Ibo people.
2. Explain the cause of the conflict between the villages of Umuofia & Mbaino. How is it resolved?
3. Describe the ways in which Okonkwo overcompensates for his father's weaknesses. How does he treat his wives? How does he treat his son Nwoye?
4. Describe Unoka's death. How does this add to Okonkwo's shame?
5. Women are not equal to men in Ibo culture. How is the role of women in religion different? (Hint: Reread about the priestess of Agbala)
6. Reread the passage on p. 22-24 (the drinking of the palm wine). How is social rank shown in this custom? What other customs/beliefs of the Ibo do we learn about in this scene?
7. Analyze what we know of the Ibo family structure. The society is polygamous, & children are often cared for communally (by all wives). Evaluate the advantages & disadvantages of this system.
8. Consider the voice of the narrator (& through this voice, the author Achebe) thus far. What is his attitude toward this culture? Cite 2 lines/passages that you feel reveal a critical attitude.

Bonus: Copy 3 proverbs from these chapters & explain their meaning.