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Open Book Test Chapters 8-11

- YOU MUST ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS.
- FOR EACH QUESTION, YOU MUST SEAMLESSLY INTEGRATE ONE QUOTE FROM THE TEXT TO SUPPORT YOUR ANSWER.
- EACH QUESTION IS WORTH 5 POINTS (50 POINTS TOTAL).
- YOU MAY ANSWER 2 BONUS QUESTIONS. EACH IS WORTH 3 POINTS. YOU DO NOT NEED TO USE QUOTES IN THE BONUS ANSWERS, BUT YOU MUST WRITE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

1. Compare/contrast Okonkwo's treatment of Nwoye & Ezinma. What is the irony in these relationships?

2. Why does Okonkwo call himself a "shivering old woman?" How does this reinforce what we already know about his attitudes toward men & women?

3. What is a "bride-price?" How is it different than a dowry? Keeping this in mind, explain the irony of the last line on page 70.

4. What character does Achebe use to criticize Okonkwo's role in killing Ikemefuna (Who disapproves of it)? What reasons does he/she give for this position? What future event does this character foreshadow?

5. The idea of "the white man" is introduced at the end of Chapter 8. How are the white men described? What seems to be the attitude of the Ibo men concerning those stories?

6. Identify what is special about Ezinma. What attitudes about children does the *ogbanje* story reveal?

7. Describe the *egwugwu*, & explain their purpose for the Ibo. Why do you think they remain masked, rather than revealing their identities?

8. Describe the role Ibo families play in marriage. What are the responsibilities of each family? What might be the advantages & disadvantages of this practice?

9. What kind of story is the tale about the tortoise & the birds? What is the moral of that story (What lesson is to be learned)?

10. Who is Chielo, & what is her role in the village? How is her position different than other women? What does this suggest about the importance of religion (Consider Okonkwo's behavior toward Chielo, & his behavior toward other women)?

BONUS:

1. What is *iba*?

2. What natural phenomenon does the story of the Tortoise explain?

3. What natural phenomenon does the story of the Ear & the mosquito explain?

4. Explain the dispute brought before the *egwugwu* in Chapter 10?

5. Describe the character of Ekwefi.

