A Before Reading

1. Here is Okonkwo, the main character in this story. Write a list of ten words that describe this man. Write words to describe what he looks like. And write words to describe what kind of person he is.

2. Look at the list of Contents on page 3.
   (a) Find the names of four more people.
   (b) Find the names of two villages.

B While Reading

3. Read to the end of Chapter 11. Some of the pictures have a caption – a sentence from the story written underneath them. Write captions for these pictures.

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4 Read to the end of Chapter 19. You are Mr Kiaga. You have come from a different part of Africa to live in Mbanta. You want people to become Christians. Write a letter to your family. Tell them about your work in Mbanta.

5 Read to the end of Chapter 23. The next chapter is called ‘The Death of Okonkwo’. How do you think Okonkwo will die?

C After Reading

6 Imagine that many years have passed. Obierika is now an old man. He tells his sons the story of Okonkwo. What does he tell them?

7 Many of Okonkwo’s family appear in this story. Draw a diagram – a family tree – to show Okonkwo’s family. Here is the start.

Unoko (Okonkwo’s father) = Okonkwo’s mother = Uchendu (Okonkwo’s ?) = ?

? = Okonkwo = ?

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8 In Chapter 13, Uchendu, Okonkwo’s uncle, talks to his sons and daughters and to Okonkwo. Okonkwo’s uncle is an old man. He wants to make Okonkwo think about his life and himself. Imagine an old uncle or aunt talks to you. What does he or she say to you?

9 Here is a word picture of Unoka, Okonkwo’s father.

- He lived in U Muofia
- He drank palm wine
- He was a sad-looking man
- Okonkwo was ashamed of him
- Music made him happy

Write a word picture for Okonkwo and for one other person in the story.

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