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Chapter 8

Chapter 8 Review

1. With which of the following statements about Okonkwo would Obierika most likely agree?
 - a. He values individual toughness over community well-being.
 - b. He believes that blood-shed is often necessary to solve conflicts.
 - c. He lacks faithfulness to the wishes of the Oracle.
 - d. He dislikes menial tasks such as tapping palm trees.

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2. It can be reasonably inferred that the author includes a lengthy description of the bride price negotiation in order to:
 - a. question the legitimacy of a culture in which one pays for a bride.
 - b. portray women and the work they do inside the Igbo home.
 - c. illustrate the humanity and peaceful side of the Igbo people.
 - d. reiterate Okonkwo's discomfort with social interactions and situations.

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What does the reader better understand about Okonkwo through Achebe's use of Obierika as a foil for him? Describe using evidence from the text.

Essential Questions

Identity: In what ways are human beings similar across culture? In what ways does culture impact identity?

The Individual and Community: What is community? What holds it together? What tears it apart? What is the relationship between the individual and community? Why is maintaining balance in this relationship so important?

Culture and Colonialism: What is the impact of European colonialism on the characters in the novel? On the people and cultures of Africa?

Read Chp. 9