*Things Fall Apart* Character List

**Okonkwo**: the protagonist; hot-headed, angry, and fears weakness. He is violent and aggressive. He was born to a poor and unsuccessful father, but gained his own money and fame through successful yam farming and wrestling. He is a warrior and the ultimate Umuofian.

**Unoka**: Okonkwo’s father; a debtor who brought shame upon his family for his lack of ambition and success. He was lazy, weak, and passive. He is a musician.

**The Oracle of the Hills and Caves (Agbala)**: A person who speaks the will of the gods (in this case, Agbala). The Oracle dictates many of the actions in *Things Fall Apart*.

**Nwoye**: Okonkwo’s eldest, biological son; Okonkwo sees him as weak, feminine, and lazy. Although he isn’t these qualities, Nwoye is seen as being much like his grandfather, Unoka.

**Ikemefuna**: Okonkwo’s adopted son; Ikemefuna is a price paid by another village for a murder of an Umuofian woman. Ikemefuna is masculine, strong, and preferred by Okonkwo.

**Obierika**: Okonkwo’s best friend; he is the conscience of the book, and is most closely aligned with Achebe’s views on colonialism. He is neutral and the voice of reason in *Things Fall Apart*.

**Ekwefi**: Okonkwo’s second wife and Ezinma’s mother; she has been plagued by the ogbanje children, until she has Ezinma.

**Ezinma**: Ekwefi’s daughter; was an ogbanje child. Okonkwo favors her, though he never says so directly, because she is masculine and ambitious.

**Evil Forest**: Spirits of Umuofia.

**Chielo**: The priestess of Agbala.

**Ezeudu**: A warrior of Umuofia; Okonkwo’s gun misfires at Ezeudu’s funeral, accidentally killing Ezeudu’s son. This accident, considered a feminine act because it was not done on purpose, results in Okonkwo’s exile to Mbanta.

**Uchendu**: Okonkwo’s clansman who welcomes him at Mbanta. He is wise and old.

**Mr. Kiaga**: White missionary who acts as the interpreter between the villagers and the other white church members.

**Mr. Brown**: Kind church official who tries to understand Ibo culture; though he is patronizing, his intent is not to be condescending, but the help guide the Africans toward what considers proper religion. He gains many converts to the Church.

**Reverend Smith**: Cruel reverend who takes over for Mr. Brown; he is Mr. Brown’s opposite. He is cruel and sees black as evil and white as good. He does not respect or care about the villagers.

**District Commissioner**: The head of the white government in Umuofia; uncaring and heavy-handed. He finds Okonkwo at the end of the book. Writing a book called *The Pacification of the Primitive Tribes of the Lower Niger*.

*Things Fall Apart* Villages List

**Umuofia**: Okonkwo’s fatherland (his village now).

**Mbanta**: Okonkwo’s motherland (where he is exiled to).

**Mbaino**: Ikemefuna’s homeland.

**Abame**: Village that is burned to the ground by the white men.