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Things Fall Apart Study Guide
Chapters 20 – 25

01. How is the clan like a lizard?

02. How many wives does Okonkwo have when he returns to Umuofia?

03. Why do Ezinma and Obiageli decline marriage proposals while in Mbanta?

04. Why do the people of Umuofia consider Ogbuefu Ugonna a madman?

05. Who are the *kotma*? What is their nickname, and how do they get it?

06. What brings a lot of money into Umuofia?

07. Why does the clan respect Mr. Brown?

08. What is the subject of debate between Mr. Brown and Akunna?

09. What does Mr. Brown learn about the people that makes him know that a frontal attack will not work?

10. How does Mr. Brown begin to have an effect on the people?

11. When and why does Mr. Brown leave?

12. What is Nwoye's new name, and what training does he receive?
13. Give three reasons for Okonkwo's mourning.
14. (Extra credit) What is the Great River?
15. Who is Reverend James Smith, and how does he see things?
16. Why does Mr. Smith suspend a young woman from the church?
17. During the annual ceremony to honor the earth deity, how do the *egwugwu* emerge?
18. What does Enoch do to throw Umuofia into confusion?
19. What causes Mr. Smith to fear?
20. Intoxicated with destruction, what do the *egwugwu* do?
21. In his own tongue, what does Ajofia tell Mr. Smith?
22. How does Okeke interpret Mr. Smith's words?
23. What pacifies the clan momentarily?
24. What causes Okonkwo to be almost happy again?
25. What is a *palaver*?

26. What happens to the six men who go to see the District Commissioner?
27. Under what conditions will they be released? If they don't meet these conditions, what will happen to them?
28. What simile is used to describe Umuofia at the time of the full moon?
29. Up to this point, how have the *kotma* been characterized?
30. What does Okonkwo do before retiring to bed?
31. What is Okonkwo's plan?
32. What does Okika mean when he talks about a toad jumping?
33. What does Okonkwo do when the *kotma* arrive at the meeting of the clan?
34. What does Okonkwo do that is considered an abomination?
35. For what service does the clan intend to pay the District Commissioner and the *kotma*?
36. What does the District Commissioner plan to devote one chapter to in his book that Chinua Achebe has devoted a whole novel to?