

**CLASSROOM SET. PLEASE, DO NOT WRITE ON IT!! Use your own paper.**

In Chapter 7 of *Things Fall Apart*, Achebe describes the events leading to the sacrifice of Ikemefuna. Reread the chapter, then respond to the prompt below. Write an outline for your essay and then write the essay itself based on the information you have put into the outline.

*In a well-organized essay, analyze how Achebe creates tension and conveys sympathy for Ikemefuna in this chapter. Focus on these details: preparation for/beginning of the journey, Ikemefuna's feelings, and his death. Then describe the effect of these techniques on you as the reader.*

Brainstorming/Outline for Essay

For each bullet point, find quotations & details from the story that help establish tension & sympathy.

Preparations for/beginning of journey:

- Description of men's clothing & actions
- How Achebe hints at the tragedy to follow
- Contrast between the silence of the group & the noise of the village
- Sense of urgency which develops

Ikemefuna's feelings:

- His feelings towards Okonkwo
- Use of questions to show his thoughts
- Fears about his family
- How do these help create sympathy for his situation?

*Ikemefuna's death:*

- Description of his fear
- Description of Okonkwo's actions
- Effect of Ikemefuna's last words on the reader

Outline

1. Introduction (at least 3 sentences)- Should consist of your thesis, a brief statement of the subject for each of your body paragraphs, and your thoughts on how these effects impact the reader.

Ex: In *Things Fall Apart*, Achebe uses many techniques to create tension & create sympathy for the death of Ikemefuna. His descriptions of the journey, Ikemefuna's feelings, & his death all help achieve his purpose. These techniques combine to have a powerful effect on the reader.

2. Body Paragraphs (at least 5 sentences each): You will need to include at least 2 quotations for each paragraph. Your paragraphs should focus on: the preparation/beginning of the journey, Ikemefuna's feelings, and his death.
3. Conclusion: Your conclusion should restate your thesis, but should mainly focus on how these techniques affect the reader.

*See literary analysis essay rubric!!*