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Things Fall Apart (MAXNotes Literature Guides) Enslow Publishing, LLC

Offering an insight into African culture that had not been portrayed before, *Things Fall Apart* is both a tragic and moving story of an individual set in the wider context of the coming of colonialism, as well as a powerful and complex political statement of cross-cultural encounters. This guide to Chinua Achebe's compelling novel offers: an accessible introduction to the text and contexts of *Things Fall Apart* a critical history, surveying the many interpretations of the text from publication to the present a selection of critical writing on *Things Fall Apart*, by Abiola Irele, Abdul JanMohamed, Biodun Jeyifo, Florence Stratton and Ato Quayson, providing a variety of perspectives on the novel and extending the coverage of key critical approaches identified in the survey section cross-references between sections of the guide, in order to suggest links between texts, contexts and criticism suggestions for further reading. Part of the Routledge Guides to Literature series, this volume is essential reading for all those beginning detailed study of *Things Fall Apart* and seeking not only a guide to the novel, but a way through the wealth of contextual and critical material that surrounds Achebe's text.

Chinua Achebe's Things Fall Apart Penguin

Okonkwo is the greatest warrior alive, famous throughout West Africa. But when he accidentally kills a clansman, things begin to fall apart. Then Okonkwo returns from exile to find missionaries and colonial governors have arrived in the village. With his world thrown radically off-balance he can only hurtle towards tragedy. Chinua Achebe's stark novel reshaped both African and world literature. This arresting parable of a proud but powerless man witnessing the ruin of his people begins Achebe's landmark trilogy of works chronicling the fate of one African community, continued in *Arrow of God* and *No Longer at Ease*.

Decolonising the mind BrightSummaries.com

In 1987, more than a decade before the dawn of queer theory, Ifi Amadiume wrote *Male Daughters, Female Husbands*, to critical acclaim. This compelling and highly original book frees the subject position of 'husband' from its affiliation with men, and goes on to do the same for other masculine attributes, dislocating sex, gender and sexual orientation. Boldly arguing that the notion of gender, as constructed in Western feminist discourse, did not exist in Africa before the colonial imposition of a dichotomous understanding of sexual difference, *Male Daughters, Female Husbands* examines the structures in African society that enabled people to achieve power, showing that roles were not rigidly masculinized nor feminized. At a time when gender and queer theory are viewed by some as being stuck in an identity-politics rut, this outstanding study not only warns against the danger of projecting a very specific, Western notion of difference onto other cultures, but calls us to question the very concept of gender itself.

Things Fall Apart Penguin

An authoritative portrait of the Latin-American warrior-statesman examines his life against a backdrop of the tensions of nineteenth-century South America, covering his achievements as a strategist, abolitionist, and diplomat.

Bob Schieffer's America Candlewick Press

The publication of Chinua Achebe's *Things Fall Apart* (1958) is heralded as the inaugural moment of modern African fiction, and the book remains the most widely read African novel of all time. Translated into dozens of languages, it has sold more than twelve million copies, and has become a canonical reading in schools the world over. While *Things Fall Apart* is neither the first African novel to be published in the West nor necessarily the most critically valued, its iconic status has surpassed even that of its author. Until now—in the sixtieth anniversary year of its publication—there has not been an updated history that moves beyond the book's commonly discussed contexts and themes.

In the accessible and concise *A Short History of Chinua Achebe's Things Fall Apart*, Terri Ochiagha provides that history, asking new questions and bringing to wider attention unfamiliar but crucial elements of the *Things Fall Apart* story. These include new insights into questions of canonicity and into literary, historiographical, and precolonial aesthetic influences. She also assesses adaptations and appropriations not just in films but in theater, hip-hop, and popular literary genres such as Onitsha Market Literature.

Tradition vs. Change in Chinua Achebe's "Things Fall Apart" Things Fall Apart

A reading and study guide for Chinua Achebe's novel *Things Fall Apart*.

A Short History of Chinua Achebe's Things Fall Apart Penguin

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A Reader's Guide to Chinua Achebe's Things Fall Apart GRIN Verlag

"Movement 2. The rumble of distant events in Germany and Spain presages the storm of WWII. In England, even as the whirl of marriages and adulteries, fashions and frivolities, personal triumphs and failures gathers speed, men and women find themselves on the brink of fateful choices.

A Love Story A&C Black

Recounts how the leopard got his claws and teeth and why he rules the forest with terror.

Christmas in Biafra, and Other Poems East African Publishers

From one of the greatest writers of the modern era, an intimate and essential collection of personal essays on home, identity, and colonialism Chinua Achebe's characteristically eloquent and nuanced voice is everywhere present in these seventeen beautifully written pieces. From a vivid portrait of growing up in colonial Nigeria to considerations on the African-American Diaspora, from a glimpse into his extraordinary family life and his thoughts on the potent symbolism of President Obama's elections—this charmingly personal, intellectually disciplined, and steadfastly wise collection is an indispensable addition to the remarkable Achebe oeuvre.

Gender and Sex in an African Society Penguin UK

The original CliffsNotes study guides offer expert commentary on major themes, plots, characters, literary devices, and historical background. The latest generation of titles in this series also feature glossaries and visual elements that complement the classic, familiar format. In CliffsNotes on *Things Fall Apart*, you explore the ground-breaking work of author Chinua Achebe, considered by many to be the most influential African writer of his generation. The novel, amazing in its authenticity, leaves behind the stereotypical portrayals of African life and presents the Igbo culture of Nigeria in all its remarkable complexity. Chapter summaries and commentaries take you through Achebe's world, and critical essays give you insight into the novel's themes and use of language. Other features that help you study include Character analyses of the main characters A character map that graphically illustrates the relationships among the characters A section on the life and background of Chinua Achebe A review section that tests your knowledge A Resource Center full of books, articles, films, and Internet sites Classic literature or modern modern-day treasure — you'll understand it all with

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[A Study Guide for Chinua Achebe's Things Fall Apart](#) Lulu.com

Things Fall Apart Penguin UK

[American Liberator](#) Penguin Modern Classics

Seminar paper from the year 2002 in the subject English - Literature, Works, grade: A (USA = 1), Southern Connecticut State University (English Department), course: The Contemporary African Novel, language: English, abstract: [...] Things Fall Apart is a story about personal beliefs and customs and also a story about conflict. There is struggle between family, culture, and religion of the Igbo people which is all brought on by a difference in personal beliefs and customs. Finally, we see how things fall apart when these beliefs and customs are confronted by those of the white missionaries. According to Ernest N. Emenyonu, Things Fall Apart is a classic study of crosscultural misunderstanding and the consequences to the rest of humanity, when a belligerent culture or civilization, out of sheer arrogance and ethnocentrism, takes it upon itself to invade another culture, another civilization (p.84). Chinua Achebe is a product of both, native African and European culture. Achebe's education in English and exposure to European customs have allowed him to capture at the same time the European and the African perspectives on colonial expansion, religion, race, and culture. This has a great effect on the composition of the novel because he is able to tell the story with an understanding and personal experiences in both cultures. He does not portray the African culture and their beliefs as barbaric. He simply tells it as it is and how things happened. Chinua Achebe states that neither of the cultures were bad, but they simply had a difference in beliefs. In the first section of this paper I would like to outline some important aspects of the traditional Igbo culture as presented in Things Fall Apart. Achebe argues that the white man has destroyed Igbo culture out of ignorance of the people's way of life and the white man's inability to speak the people's language. The second section deals with Christianity and the colonizers. I will compare the Igbo systems to a certain extent to the new system the white man brought to Nigeria. Later on, I will examine the effects of the colonizers' arrival and their religion on the indigenous culture, giving special attention to Okonkwo, the main character of the novel.

[A Student Casebook to Issues, Sources, and Historical Documents](#) Oxford University Press on Demand

Set in the Ibo heartland of eastern Nigeria, one of Africa's best-known writers describes the conflict between old and new in its most poignant aspect--the personal struggle between father and son.

No Longer at Ease University of Chicago Press

Unlock the more straightforward side of Things Fall Apart with this concise and insightful summary and analysis! This engaging summary presents an analysis of Things Fall Apart by Chinua Achebe, which centres on the great warrior and champion wrestler Okonkwo as he deals with the challenges resulting from disagreements in his clan, the arrival of white missionaries in his village and the mounting tension between tradition and modernity. The engaging narrative provides a compelling,

immersive portrait of Igbo life in Achebe's native Nigeria and a thoughtful exploration of the impact of colonialism and of themes such as masculinity, honour, pride and disobedience. Chinua Achebe was a Nigerian writer who sought to use his novels, short stories, essays and poetry to examine the struggles facing his country and expand popular conceptions of Africa and its people. He is widely considered to be the founding father of modern African literature. Find out everything you need to know about Things Fall Apart in a fraction of the time! This in-depth and informative reading guide brings you: • A complete plot summary • Character studies • Key themes and symbols • Questions for further reflection Why choose BrightSummaries.com? Available in print and digital format, our publications are designed to accompany you on your reading journey. The clear and concise style makes for easy understanding, providing the perfect opportunity to improve your literary knowledge in no time. See the very best of literature in a whole new light with BrightSummaries.com!

[Changes](#) Infobase Publishing

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[Notes on Achebe's Things Fall Apart](#) Penguin Group

The Face the Nation commentator delivers ?a fitting companion to his career memoir, This Just In? (Texas Monthly). Bob Schieffer?s America brings together 171 of his smart, humorous, and pitch-perfect essays: from today?s hard issues to the human stories that show readers who they are; from politics and presidents and tragedy to the things that touch them, make them laugh, or record the small shifts in culture that just creep up. In addition, Schieffer has written ?commentaries on my commentaries? that run throughout the book, offering further anecdotes, reflections, updates, and insights.

[Things Fall Apart](#) Ohio University Press

Presents critical essays on "Things fall apart" from a variety of perspectives, including ethnographic, pedagogical, and ideological ones.

[First Movement](#) Brill Rodopi

A wealth of documents and commentary on the historical, social, and cultural contexts of Things Fall Apart.

Things Fall Apart The Feminist Press at CUNY

Provides an analysis and critique of "Things Fall Apart," discussing the plot, narrative style, themes, literary devices, and characters, and offers a brief overview of Achebe's other works.

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