Exploring relationships (up to Chapter 11)

Answer the following questions

1. Explore Okonkwo’s relationships with his wives. Which one do you think he likes the most and why?

2. Why do the men and women live in separate obis/huts?

3. What kind of father is Okonkwo?

4. How does Okonkwo relate to his son – Nwoye – and how is this affected by the arrival of Ikemefuna?

5. What are the names of some of Ekwefi’s miscarried and dead children? What do they show us about the importance of children in this society?

6. What effect do you think watching the trial between Mgbafo and Uzowulu would have on Okonkwo?

7. What kind of relationships do the elders have with the rest of the clan?

8. Why do you think Ezinma doesn’t call her mother Nne like all the other children do?

9. What do the folklore and stories tell us about the relationships in the family units and how they see the world?

10. What internal conflict does Okonkwo have with himself over how he reacts to his family environment?