

Md.Mahabubur Rahman

Batch: 40 id:1818400031

Semester: fall 2022 course: ENG-310

Department of English

Semester final

Answer to the question no:2

Chinua Achebe was a Nigerian novelist who became famous by writing “*Things Fall Apart*”. In the Igbo town of Umuofia in eastern Nigeria, Achebe was born on November 16, 1930. After completing his university education, Achebe joined the Nigerian Broadcasting Corporation in 1961 as a director of external broadcasting. He served in that role until 1966.

The 1960s proved to be a productive period for Achebe. In 1961, he married Christie Chinwe Okoli, with whom he would go on to have four children, and it was during this decade he wrote the follow-up novels to *Things Fall Apart: No Longer at Ease* (1960) and *Arrow of God* (1964), as well as *A Man of the People* (1966). All address the issue of traditional ways of life coming into conflict with new, often colonial, points of view. *Things Fall Apart* is a creation of pre-colonial literature. How a nation colonized we can understand it by reading *Things Fall Apart*. We can say that it is a guideline for the colonizers and colonized also. It teaches how to colonize a nation and how to escape from the colonization.

Things Fall Apart is a novel which was published in 1958. The protagonist of the novel was an Igbo man who was living in Nigeria with his family during the later part of the 19th century. Okonkwo is an important part of the fictional village Umuofia, he is a farmer and a famous wrestler.

player in his community. In the first part of the novel describe about the African culture, civilization and the customs. On the other hand the later part of the novel describes the process of colonizers how they colonized a cultural nation or community.

The British people are known as the colonizer of the world. In Africa they set their colonies, they started slave business, they collected elephants teeth. If we look back on the Heart of Darkness of Joseph Conrad we can realize the extreme results of the British colonialism. Cheap labour, forced labour and monopoly business policy are the advantages of establishing a colony. Looking for a new colony was an adventure for the British emperor that time. They were thirsty for the colony. The industry was emerged that time so the demand of workers raised. To fulfill the workers demand British emperor was looking for the new colony.

The colonialism is a style of capture a land or country existentially, culturally and all of the wealth of that country. Most of the time colonizers set colony to another country for exploiting people or capturing natural resources. The colonial country practice their own language and cultures on the country which they colonize. The colonialism and the imperialism spreads in a same way, it uses power and influence to control the colony. By 1914, most of the countries of the world colonized by the European country.

Igbo is an ethnic identity and those people are living in the Nigeria. The various Igbo speaking communities are fragmented and decentralized. In the things fall apart Chinua Achebe told about the Igbo community. The British colonialist how attacked on the Igbo community's culture, norms and values. Attack on the culture is a known arms of the colonialism in the colony. In the first part of the novel things fall apart we can see a normal life style of the Igbo people but in the later part of the

novel the igbo people were influenced by the Christian people or Christianity.

The things fall apart by chinua achebe deals with the colonization and the Christian missionaries. The Christian missionaries who come to the protagonist's mother's tribe they had an intention of their own for the business. Okonkwo did not understand about the matter of the Christian missionaries. They tried to spread their religion through their religion. Okonkwo thought they have their own legal system, traditional style of farming. They have the specific place to keep their crops secured. In the igbo society they have their own customary law. So the protagonist Okonkwo thinks they are a complete nation having all requirements of a modern state. But in the other hand, the Christian missionaries tried to convince people of the Okonkwo's mother's tribe that their Christianity is greater than the primitive religion and the customary laws, norms and values. We know colonialism makes people feel inferior to the colonizer as they can use them as a slave. So in the things fall apart missionary people tried to push their culture and others things into the primitive nation. They targeted the weak men from the tribe and convert them in the Christianity. In their first attempt they succeed to transform people's religion. And this is the main disaster which is responsible for destroying a primitive pure cultural community.

The capital punishment of ikemefuna is an important part of the things fall apart. Through the death of ikemefuna we can realize that the people of the igbo community were started to understand that their killing to take revenge was an inhumanitarian process. It is a sign of progressiveness of a society or cultural community.

Nowye was sad for losing his brother or friends ikemefuna. He passed his time with the ikemefuna and so he started to hate the brutal customary law of the igbo society.

The missionary head who came in the first time in the igbo community he was gentle, intellectual, and quiet. Because it is a well known process of colonization when the colonizer come then they started with the well behave . but in the last time wthe missionary head came he was rule, ruller and the implementor of the colony. The colonizer came with soft and well behaved behaviour and in the time of implementation the are very rude, strong and like a ruller.

In the things fall apart there is a war between the colonize and the colonizer. We can see the effort of Christian missionary, the the trying of protection by okonkwo. Okonkwo tried to involve in a war with the Christian missionary but he did not get the people of his own tribe. So the okonkwos tribe's culture was destroyed. There are some of the liberal sides of Christianity examply the children of the okonkwos tribe started to go to school.