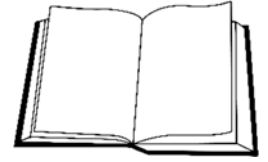


Name \_\_\_\_\_ **Motif**



# Motif in *Things Fall Apart*

A motif is a recurring structure, contrast, or literary device that is related to the theme. An important motif in the novel *Things Fall Apart* by Chinua Achebe, is the concept of *chi*.

1. Explain the concept of chi as it appears in the novel.

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2. How could you explain what happens to Okonkwo in the context of chi?

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3. What does Okonkwo's clan believe about chi?

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4. What does the following mean?

*"When a man says yes his chi says yes also."*

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5. How does this motif help you to understand whether or not and to what extent Okonkwo is responsible for his own fate?

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