



The Title

Obierika states that the white man "*has put a knife on the things that have held us together and we have fallen apart.*".

'Things Fall Apart' is about the connection between the tragic downfall of Okonkwo, whose fate and temperamental weakness combine to destroy him, and the destruction of his culture and society as the Igbo way of life is assailed by forces they do not understand and are unprepared to face.

The first story traces Okonkwo's fall from grace with the tribal world in which he lives. It provides us with a powerful fable about the immemorial conflict between the individual and his society. The second story, which is as modern as the first is ancient, concerns the clash of cultures and the destruction of Okonkwo's world through the arrival of aggressive, proselytizing European missionaries.

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