



“That man was one of the greatest men in Umuofia. You drove him to kill himself; and now he will be buried like a dog...”

Okonkwo's final act, that of killing himself, is one full of contradictions. On one hand it seems like an honorable thing to do, on the other, it seems tremendously cowardly. His close friend Obeirika simultaneously recognizes his achievements, yet mourns his death (208). The District Commissioner simply sees his story as meriting a “reasonable paragraph” in his book (209) to be entitled *The Pacification of the Primitive Tribes of the Lower Niger*.

In Class Response Questions | 5 Sentences and 1 MLA citation minimum each

1. Do you believe that it was right for Okonkwo to kill one of the messengers? Explain.
2. Do you believe that it was right, or perhaps honorable, for Okonkwo to hang himself? Why or why not?
3. In the end, do you believe that Okonkwo can be considered a success? Or has he failed?

Homework Response | 1 page typed with 2 MLA citations minimum

1. Reflect on what you have learned about heroes, tragic heroes, and anti-heroes. Which do you believe that Okonkwo is best described as? Explain using textual evidence.