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“ He heard Ikemefuna cry, “My father, they have killed me!” as he ran towards him. Dazed with fear, Okonkwo drew his machete and cut him down. He was afraid of being thought weak.”

Throughout the text thus far Okonkwo has been portrayed as both strong and simple, obsessed with honor yet comfortable with beating his wives. Now, he has killed Ikemefuna, whom he had loved like his own son because it was demanded by the village elders. In a brief essay of 4-6 short paragraphs, discuss whether you think that Okonkwo is a good man, a terribly flawed man, or both. You must have a **clear thesis** and **at least two well-constructed body paragraphs** to receive full credit.