You will be analyzing Okonkwo’s downfall from other characters’ perspectives in order to determine whether or not he fits the tragic hero archetype. Literary critics find this topic very controversial. Depending on one’s point of view, Okonkwo’s downfall/demise may be tragic or not.

Character Point of View: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. Based on your reading of the article and our class notes, what are the defining traits of a tragic hero?
2. How would your assigned character respond if asked whether or not Okonkwo was a tragic hero? Provide an overview explaining why you believe your character would respond that way.
3. Using both the tragedy article and evidence from the text, provide three reasons to support your character’s stance on Okonkwo’s tragic hero status.

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| Point | Evidence from the text(s) | Explanation (write from the perspective of your character) |
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1. Was Okonkwo’s downfall due to his own flaws, the colonizers’ usurping of power, or a combination of the two? Answer from the perspective of your character.
2. What does the story of Okonkwo suggest about individual responsibility? The responsibility of the colonizers? Fate? The inevitability of history? Answer from the perspective of your character.