**Honors English Language Arts 10 Summer Assignment**

**Due: First day of class**

**Part One**

Read the book *Things Fall Apart* by Chinua Achebe. Do your own research and be able to define “imperialism” and its impact on the novel. You may want to include this information in your introduction for your essay.

**Part Two**

**Essay**

Choose **one** of the following essay options and write a well-developed five-paragraph essay (with an introduction and a conclusion) that clearly and thoroughly answers the question. Please type and double-space your essay in 12 pt font. It is due the first day of class.

1. How does the father-son relationship throughout three generations shape the personalities of Okonkwo and Nwoye? Comment on their characteristics and the role their father plays in making them who they are.
2. One of the themes in Achebe’s novel is the striving after titles, trophies, and status. Comment on the presence and importance of status symbols in Okonkwo’s world and today’s world. Explain their appeal and the ways in which searching for status symbols is a negative force in life.
3. Fear is present throughout the novel. How does fear affect Okonkwo’s actions? How does fear affect Nwoye’s actions? How does fear influence the relationships between characters in the novel? Be sure to give specific examples.

Be prepared to participate in a discussion of the novel on the first day of class.

Good luck! See you in the fall!

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