*Things Fall Apart* Final In-Class Writing NAME \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Choose **one** of the assignments, create a brief outline, answer in a first draft essay.

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*In Things Fall Apart,* Chinua Achebe portrays Ibo culture both before and after the onset of colonialism. Write an essay in which you analyze how the author Chinua Achebe reveals both the positive and negative aspects of the pre-colonial Ibo culture. Then analyze the positive and negative effects of colonialization including the introduction of Christianity on the Ibo.

2

Palestinian American literary theorist and cultural critic Edward Said has written that “Exile is strangely compelling to think about but terrible to experience. It is the unhealable rift forced between a human being and a native place, between the self and its true home: its essential sadness can never be surmounted.” Yet Said has also said that exile can become “a potent, even enriching” experience. Discuss Okonkwo’s exile from his homeland—why he was exiled, where did he go, how did he react to the situation. Analyze his experience with exile that is both actual and emotional.

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| **MSDE Scoring Rubric: Writing to Inform** |  |

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| **Element** | | **Points** | **Earned Assessment** | |
| **Self** | **Teacher** |
| Development  Organization  Attention to Audience  Language | Writer provides accurate, specific, purposeful information that is extended and expanded to fully explain the topic.  Writer establishes an organizational plan and consistently maintains it.  Writer provides information relevant to the needs of the audience.  Writer consistently provides language choices to enhance the text. | **3** |  |  |
| Development    Organization  Attention to Audience  Language | Writer provides information that adequately explains the topic with some extension of ideas. The information is usually accurate and purposeful.  Writer establishes and maintains an organizational plan, but the plan may have some minor flaws.  Writer provides information most of which is relevant to the needs of the audience.  Writer frequently uses language choices to enhance the text. | **2** |  |  |
| Development    Organization  Attention to Audience  Language | Writer provides information that inadequately explains the topic. The information is sometimes inaccurate, general or extraneous.  Writer generally establishes and maintains an organizational plan.  Writer provides some information relevant to the needs of the audience.  Writer sometimes uses language choices to enhance the text. | **1** |  |  |
| Development    Organization  Attention to Audience  Language | Writer provides insufficient information to explain the topic. The information provided may be vague or inaccurate.  Writer either did not establish an organizational plan or, if an organizational plan is established, it is only minimally maintained.  Writer did not provide information relevant to the needs of the audience.  Writer seldom, if ever, uses language choices to enhance the text. | **0** |  |  |
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