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Things Fall Apart - Chapters 1 - 4

During this novel unit, I am going to be giving literary response questions. They are going to be a little bit different than the short story literary response questions though. The novel questions will be more open-ended than the short story questions. They will require longer answers, but there will generally be fewer questions altogether.

Answer each question with at least four sentences.

1. What does Okonkwo fear? How do these fears cause him to behave?

2. On pg. 27, Achebe writes of Okonkwo, "At the most one could say that his *chi* or personal god was good. But the Ibo people have a proverb that when a man says yes his *chi* says yes also. Okonkwo said yes very strongly; so his *chi* agreed." What does this quote tell us about Okonkwo? What does it tell us about the Ibo view of divine influence in life?

3.	What is an oracle? According to your understanding, what is the role of the oracle in Ibo society? How does the oracle affect the thoughts and actions of the people?
4.	After reading the first four chapters, do you feel more sympathetic with Okonkwo or
	Unoka? Who would you rather have as a father? Why?