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**Pre-reading Vocabulary Worksheets - *Things Fall Apart***

**Chapters 14-19**

**Part I: Using Prior Knowledge and Context Clues**

Below are the sentences in which the vocabulary words appear in the text. Read the sentence. Use any clues you can find in the sentence combined with your prior knowledge, and write what you think the underlined words mean in the space provided.

1. And he arranged the *requisite* rites and sacrifices.
2. A vague scent of life and green vegetation was *diffused* in the air.
3. He laughed a *mirthless* laughter.
4. Do you know how many children I have buried--children I *begot* in my youth and strength?
5. There is something *ominous* behind the silence.
6. When this was interpreted to the men of Mbanta they broke into *derisive* laughter.

7. Nwoye’s *callow* mind was greatly puzzled.

1. Her husband and his family were already becoming highly critical of such a woman and were not unduly *perturbed* when they found she had fled to joint the Christians.

9. & 10. A sudden fury rose within him and he felt a strong desire to take up his machete, go to the church and wipe out the entire *vile* and *miscreant* gang.

11. It was, in fact, one of the men who, in his zeal, brought the church into serious conflict with the clan a year later by killing the sacred python, the *emanation* of the god of water.

12. But let us *ostracize* these men.

**Part II: Determining the Meaning Match the vocabulary words to their dictionary definitions.**

\_\_\_\_ 1. requisite A. ridiculing

\_\_\_\_ 2. diffused B. spread in all directions

\_\_\_\_ 3. mirthless C. wretch; villain

\_\_\_\_ 4. begot D. exclude from public favor

\_\_\_\_ 5. ominous E. greatly disturbed

\_\_\_\_ 6. derisive F. without laughter

\_\_\_\_ 7. callow G. issuing forth

\_\_\_\_ 8. perturbed H. threatening

\_\_\_\_ 9. vile I. youthful; immature

\_\_\_\_10. miscreant J. loathsome; disgusting

\_\_\_\_11. emanate K. produced; fathered

\_\_\_\_12. ostracize L. necessary requirement