

# OKONKWO'S HEROIC QUALITIES

## Tragic Hero

Fatal flaw;

"He was afraid of being thought weak"

"already one of the greatest men of his time"

"he was a man of action"

"not a man of thought but action"

"Whenever he was angry and could not get his words out quickly enough, he would hit his fists"

"that man was one of the greatest men in Umuofia. You drove him to kill himself; and now he will be buried like a dog..."

Protecting his community

"the greatest wrestler in the land"

how men are above the social structure and the village should be privileged to have someone like Okonkwo, although he is violent and strong.

The egwugwu are at the top of the social structure of the community, Okonkwo is one of them

"the second egwugwu had the springy walk of Okonkwo."

"Okonkwo drew his machete and cut him down"

"He felt anxious but did not show it"

"You have a manly and proud heart"

The village symbolises a beating heart for the community.

"It was like the pulsation of its heart"

Clare & Juliet