Pericentric Theory and the Scramble for Africa; Consequences for African Society (as seen in *Things Fall Apart*)

I. the essence of pericentric theory?
   A. transnational relations produce situations in which metropolitan governments are under pressure to intervene in a peripheral territory to establish order
   B. why?

II. who are the actors that matter?
   A. transnational actors
      1. colonial settlers
      2. missionaries
      3. merchants and commercial companies
      4. consuls, soldiers, colonial administrators
   B. Michael Doyle, defines tribal society: "primitive systems with intermittent political structures"
      1. other aspects, and how they are illustrated by Achebe in *Things Fall Apart*: religion and political order is intertwined; likewise, economic life becomes intertwined with ritual and religion; minimal social differentiation but thorough communal integration; political conflict management is based on the collectivity--the family and the tribe; families are corporations that pass on permanent rights and duties; hence, families are extended, not nuclear; political control is highly diffuse

III. Discuss Achebe book to get a sense of tribal society and how things fell apart
   A. where is this set?
   B. what are the characteristics of the village?
      1. Who are the main actors? Discuss Okonkwo, Obierika
   C. how do these fit the definition we have made?
   D. who represents the transnational force? (missionaries)
1. who collaborates with them?
2. why are there collaborators?
3. are collaborators just opportunists?
   a. What kind of person is Nwoye?
   b. Others who convert?

E. why is the transnational force successful? (i.e., who do they attract and why?)

F. how does the confrontation between the transnational force and the tribal society develop?
   1. discuss the role of Africans here
   2. and the role of Europeans

G. how does colonialism arrive, in essence?

H. the title of the book is *Things Fall Apart*
   1. what things?
   2. why did they fall apart? how and why did disorder emerge?
   3. and what do you suppose happened to the village as a consequence?