

OTHELLO



STUDENT WORKSHEET

Key themes: Jealousy, racism, love, doubt, marriage, gender

Key characters: General Othello, Lieutenant Cassio, Iago, Desdemona, Emilia

Synopsis: Listen as your teacher gives you a brief overview of the story of *Othello*.

1 VOCABULARY TASK 1: LANGUAGE FROM *OTHELLO*

Match the following phrases and words to their correct meaning taken from macmillandictionary.com

1. Neither here nor there
 2. Foregone conclusion
 3. Addiction
 4. To vanish into thin air
 5. To wear your heart on your sleeve
- A. a strong need that someone feels to regularly take an illegal or harmful drug
B. to disappear in a sudden and mysterious way
C. used for saying that something does not matter because it is not relevant
D. To make your feelings and emotions obvious without hiding them
E. a result that you can be certain about before it happens

LANGUAGE TASK - EXPRESSING OPINION

Read through some of these different ways of saying what you think about something. Try to finish the sentence in each case and tell your partner.

- I believe that.....
It's clear to me that.....
I think that.....
I may be wrong but I'm sure.....
In my opinion.....
To my mind.....

2 DISCUSSION TASK

Your teacher will now lead you in a discussion topic based on one of the themes of *Othello*. As you discuss your questions in pairs, use a variety of expressions from above.

Once you have completed your discussion, find out who in your group has discussed a different question from the theme and ask each other what each of you talked about.



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