

Othello

William Shakespeare

Background Information

1	good	5	1599	9	general
2	London	6	round	10	Cyprus
3	an actor	7	afternoon	11	Turkey
4	Globe	8	tragedy	12	Italian

People in the Story

1	Iago	5	Othello
2	Desdemona	6	Bianca
3	Cassio	7	Emilia
4	Brabantio	8	Montano

True or False?

1 F, 2 T, 3 T, 4 F, 5 T, 6 F, 7 T, 8 T, 9 F, 10 T, 11 F, 12 T, 13 F, 14 F

Multiple Choice

1	b	6	b	11	a
2	b	7	a	12	d
3	b	8	c	13	a
4	c	9	a		
5	d	10	b		

Events in the Story

a 8, b 6, c 9, d 10, e 5, f 7, g 11, h 12, i 3, j 1, k 2, l 4

Vocabulary: War and fighting

1	general	5	poison	9	wounded
2	lieutenant	6	stab	10	riot
3	soldier	7	fanfare	11	strangle
4	messenger	8	sword		

Vocabulary: Letter fills

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| 1 thieves | 5 punishment | 9 handkerchief |
| 2 gondolier | 6 drown | 10 innocent |
| 3 ashamed | 7 whisper | 11 monster |
| 4 resist | 8 revenge | 12 witchcraft |

Vocabulary: Verbs and nouns

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| 1 poison | 5 prove |
| 2 deceive | 6 punishment |
| 3 embroidery | 7 trick |
| 4 lie | 8 wound |

Complete the sentences with the correct form of one of the words from the table.

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| 1 poison | 5 trick / deceive |
| 2 embroidery | 6 proof |
| 3 liar | 7 wounds |
| 4 deceived / tricked | 8 punishment |

Useful words and phrases

1 c, 2 e, 3 a, 4 f, 5 d, 6 b

Match the words or phrases above to their meaning below.

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| 1 ask for pardon | 4 foul villain |
| 2 peace of mind | 5 show off |
| 3 standard-bearer | 6 can't bear |

Grammar: Direct speech

- 1 'Can you tell me the story of your life,' Brabantio asked.
- 2 'I wish I could be a man,' said Desdemona
- 3 'Where is the handkerchief?' Othello asked her.
- 4 'Desdemona is deceiving Othello,' said Iago.
- 5 'Steal it,' said Iago told me.
- 6 'I kissed Desdemona,' said Cassio.
- 7 'Go to bed, Desdemona!' said Othello.
- 8 'I put the handkerchief there,' said Iago.
- 9 'Where are the Turkish ships?' asked the duke.

Grammar: Reported speech

- 1 Iago told Roderigo not to worry.
- 2 Brabantio asked what was happening.
- 3 Iago told Brabantio that he had been robbed.
- 4 Brabantio asked how Desdemona had got out.
- 5 Cassio told Othello that the duke wished to see him immediately.
- 6 Othello told the men to put their swords away.
- 7 Othello said that if he went to prison he couldn't go to the duke.
- 8 The duke asked Brabantio what the matter was.
- 9 Brabantio said that his daughter had been stolen from him.
- 10 The duke said that they would catch him and punish him.
- 11 The duke told Brabantio to let them go.
- 12 Othello said that he would leave Iago behind.

Pronunciation: Word stress

- 1-3 handkerchief, innocent, messenger
4-7 deception, emotion, lieutenant, Venetian
8-9 gondolier, reputation