## **Year 12 transition English Literature**

Week 1 and 2

## Introducing Shakespeare's Othello



Complete Use your knowledge from GCSE English Literature to create a diagram of the main feature of the genre of

tragedy. Include all key terms. Create a profile for a tragic hero. You can use a character from your GCSE studies or a new tragic hero you have researched.

Use the link below to read a page from Cliff notes on Shakespearean Tragedy. Can you add more information to your tragic structure/profile?

Shakespeare's Tragedy

Time: 2hrs



## Read

Read Act 1, Scene 1,2 and 3 of *Othello*. There are lots of free versions online however the link below also provides a modern translation. Write an Act/Scene summary as you read. The standard text is available on the MIT website here: Othello.

This version has an easy English translation side by side with the Shakespeare.

Modern Othello

Time: 1hr



Complete Use RSC's Shakespeare Learning zone on Othello. Complete and

Story/Characters/Language/Staging. Make notes, follow activities and make sure you are keeping notes. Watch the short video on Jambic Pentameter. Othello

read Level 1:



as you read.

the podcast below.

Complete

specification.

Read Act 3, Scene 1,2, 3 and 4 of Othello. Lots of free versions online however the link below also provides a modern translation. Write an Act/Scene summary

The standard text is available on the MIT website here: Othello.

Read this page from the AQA English Literature

Create a mind map listing the texts you will study in

year 12 – Othello, The Great Gatsby and love poetry and some of the main themes. Add to your mindmap

your own knowledge, research and knowledge you

Shakespeare tragedy – what do you already know

about this genre? Later tasks on this page will help to

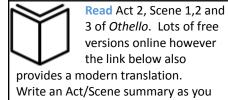
add detail, for example Melvyn Bragg's radio show and

gained from GCSE. For example, Othello is a

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free.

Listen to Rana Mitter's Podcast on Tragedy, ancient and modern. You will need to sign up (BBC iplayer log in works) but this is

Make notes on this 30min episode.

Tragedy Podcast

Time: 1hr



Listen to Melvyn Bragg's BBC Radio Four show on examining tragedy's role in today's society. You will need to sign up (BBC

iplayer log in works) but this is free.

Make notes on this 30min episode.

Role of Tragedy

Time: 1hr



Watch the Ted talk on how Shakespeare might just be useful for people today.

Is Shakespeare relevant in the modern world?

## Power of Imagination

Consolidate your understanding by writing down the key points from the clip.

Time: 30min



Time: 2hrs

**Complete** Write a profile of your personal reading history. List the books (fiction/non-fiction)you

have read over the last five years. Which was your favourite? Why? Set yourself a target of which book you would like to read next? Research a contemporary (produced in the last 3 years) you would like to read. Why? What attracts you to this book?

Time: 1hr



Watch this short film inspired by and criticising Othello. Why can it be problematic to study Othello in the 21st century? How can an understanding of the

historical context of the play help us to understand the complexities of this play?

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d55GvtFubzE

Time: 5 mins running time