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



Othello

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.

read Level 1:



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

as you read.

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

Read this page from the AQA English Literature

Create a mind map starting with the texts you will

study in year 12 – Othello, The Great Gatsby and love

poetry. Add to your mindmap your own knowledge,

research and knowledge you gained from GCSE. For

page will help to add detail, for example Melvyn

Bragg's radio show and the podcast below.

example, Othello is a Shakespeare tragedy – what do

you already know about this genre? Later tasks on this

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Modern Othello

Time: 2 hrs

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

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Modern Othello

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free.

read.

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) over

the last five years. Which were 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