



Othello

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While reading

Act 1

1 Complete the sentences with the words from the box.

daughter enemies lieutenant servants
soldier a thief

- a Iago wanted to become Othello's, but he chose Cassio.
- b Brabantio told his to bring lights.
- c Othello is a, and he knows war best.
- d Othello loves Brabantio's
- e Brabantio calls Othello
- f The Duke says Othello must sail against their, the Turks.

2 What does Iago say to each person? What is he talking about? Write.

a	to Roderigo
b	to Othello
c	to himself

Act 2

3 Who says these things? Who are the underlined words?

- a 'Thank you, good men of Cyprus, for your kind words about the Moor.'
Who:
the Moor:
- b 'You are unkind to me.'
Who:
You:
- c 'How wonderful to see you, my dearest wife.'
Who:
my dearest wife:
- d 'She was just being polite.'
Who:
She:

- e 'He is a loving kind man – but I hate him.'
Who:
He:
- f 'He's a good soldier, but he always drinks too much.'
Who:
He:

4 Correct the mistakes.

- a The Turks have lost their ships in the war.
.....
- b Desdemona arrives in Cyprus with Cassio.
.....
- c Iago tells Cassio that Desdemona is in love with him.
.....
- d Othello is younger than Desdemona.
.....
- e Cassio drinks a cup of coffee with other officers.
.....
- f Cassio hits Roderigo with his gun.
.....

Act 3

5 Are these sentences true (T) or false (F)?

- a Emilia helps Cassio speak to Desdemona.
- b Cassio often stole Othello's love letters to Desdemona.
- c Iago tells Othello to watch his wife with Roderigo.
- d Othello says he has a pain in his stomach.
- e Desdemona drops her handkerchief.
- f Iago picks up the handkerchief.
- g Iago tells Othello that he has seen the handkerchief.

6 Answer these questions.

- a What does Emilia say when Desdemona asks her about the handkerchief?
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- b Who gave the handkerchief to Othello's mother?
.....
- c Why does Othello ask about the handkerchief?
.....
- d What does Desdemona think is troubling Othello?
.....
- e Who does Cassio give the handkerchief to?
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Act 4

7 Write the names from the box in the right places. You can use the same name more than once.

Bianca Cassio Desdemona Emilia Iago
Lodovico Othello Roderigo The Duke

- a tells Othello that Cassio was in bed with Desdemona.
- b Iago talks to about Bianca.
- c thinks that another girl gave Cassio the handkerchief.
- d brings news from Venice.
- e is calling Othello back to Venice.
- f Othello thinks is just a simple woman.
- g is tired of listening to Iago.
- h Iago tells Roderigo to kill

8 Finish these sentences.

- a Iago tells Othello that he will question Cassio about Desdemona, but actually he talks
- b Bianca is in love with Cassio, but Cassio
- c Othello hits Desdemona's face because
- d Othello asks Emilia about Desdemona and Cassio, but
- e Emilia thinks the devil has put the wrong ideas into Othello's head, but she doesn't know that
- f Othello calls Desdemona a whore, but
- g Roderigo is not happy because
- h Desdemona asks Emilia to put her wedding sheets on the bed because

Act 5

9 Put these events in order, 1–8.

- a Roderigo attacks Cassio with his sword.
- b Iago kills Roderigo.
- c Iago wounds Cassio in the leg.
- d Othello wounds Iago with his sword.
- e Iago kills Emilia.
- f Othello kills Desdemona.
- g Cassio cuts Roderigo with his sword.
- h Othello wounds himself in the chest with a knife.

10 Put the words in the right order to make questions.

- a are / God / meet / ready / to / you / ?
.....
- b are / killing / me / of / talking / you / ?
.....
- c are / mind / of / out / you / your / ?
.....
- d of / song / the / were / what / words / your / ?
.....
- e and / Cassio's / death / did / he / plan / you / ?
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After reading

11 Answer these questions.

- a Why does Iago hate Othello?
.....
- b Why is Othello jealous?
.....
- c Who gives the handkerchief to Iago?
.....
- d Who is Desdemona in love with?
.....
- e Why does Iago kills Roderigo?
.....
- f Where is Desdemona killed?
.....
- g Who is killed at the end of the play?
.....

12 Choose the correct words and complete these songs.

A soldier's life is very hard
He has no time to think.
So open up a bottle, boys
And give the men a (a)

Oh, down by the river a girl sat alone;
Her eyes were all water, her heart was all
(b)

Oh, cover me over with roses so sweet;
Put some at my head and put some at my
(c)

The sun has gone in, and the moon's in the sky;
My lover has left me, and now I must (d)

1) die
2) drink
3) feet
4) stone



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1 Match the names (a–g) and the descriptions (1–7).

- a Othello
 - b Desdemona
 - c Cassio
 - d Iago
 - e Emilia
 - f Bianca
 - g Roderigo
- 1) hates Othello.
 - 2) loves Othello.
 - 3) sells her body for bread.
 - 4) gives a handkerchief to his wife.
 - 5) attacks Cassio.
 - 6) finds a handkerchief in his room.
 - 7) looks after her lady.

2 Choose the correct words in *italics*.

- a Everyone calls Iago *brave* / *honest*.
- b Iago is Othello's *ensign* / *lieutenant*.
- c Desdemona is *unfaithful* / *innocent*.
- d Othello is a *black* / *white* soldier.
- e Jealously makes Othello *kind* / *evil*.

3 Choose the correct answer.

- a What made Desdemona fall in love with Othello?
.....
- 1) His handkerchief.
- 2) His stories.
- 3) His strong hands.
- b What is Cassio's weakness?
- 1) He gets drunk easily.
- 2) He can't ride a horse.
- 3) He has a bad knee.
- c Who asks Emilia to steal the handkerchief?
- 1) Cassio.
- 2) Bianca.
- 3) Iago.
- d How is Desdemona killed?
- 1) Othello stabs her.
- 2) Othello holds his hand over her mouth.
- 3) Othello hits her very hard.
- e Who kills Othello?
- 1) Iago kills him.
- 2) Emilia kills him.
- 3) He kills himself.

4 Are these sentences true (T) or not true (NT)?

- a Brabantio didn't know about the marriage of Othello and Desdemona.
- b Desdemona arrived in Cyprus after Othello did.

- c Cassio had a fight when he was drunk.
- d Iago used Othello's money.
- e Othello believed what Iago told him.
- f Iago was honest.

5 Complete the sentences. Use the words from the box.

ensign evil faithful innocent lieutenant
magic sword

- a Othello is a soldier for Venice.
- b Cassio, Othello's, is also a good soldier.
- c Othello thinks Iago, his, is a wise and honest man.
- d Iago plays an game with Othello's mind.
- e Othello calls Desdemona 'my girl' after she dies.

6 Who says these? Choose the correct names from the box.

Brabantio Cassio Desdemona
Iago Othello Roderigo

- a says, 'Thief! What have you done with my daughter?'
- b says, 'I never loved Cassio, never gave him anything!'
- c says, 'I am not drunk. This is my ensign and this is my right hand and this is my left.'
- d says, 'I want my money back.'
- e says, 'At last I see that everything is going well for me.'
- f says, 'I killed my love, and now I must die.'

7 Find ten words from the play.

u	s	e	r	v	a	n	t
a	c	t	a	e	u	h	l
j	e	a	l	o	u	s	y
s	n	G	o	d	v	i	f
k	e	i	r	e	e	h	f
e	u	a	d	u	k	e	s
w	h	o	r	e	n	l	t
r	w	o	u	n	d	l	a

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