BRIDGING WORK

Edexcel A Level English Literature





Research

You will be completing a research task based on 'Othello'. Use the Internet and all other resources available to you to find out the following:

- The plot of Othello
- Shakespeare's life and motivations in writing the play
- Contextual and historical background of the play
- The important themes in the play
- The significance of Venice as the setting of the play

Your Task

You need to create a resource which contains information about the key contextual points, the 3 most powerful themes in the play and the 3 most significant characters in the play.

You also need to have an answer written to the question: Why is the play called 'Othello' and not 'lago'?

You can present your resource in any of the following forms:

- PowerPoint presentation
- Posters
- Mindmaps
- Summary sheets

OVERVIEW

You will be sitting 3 papers at the end of the 2 years and 1 piece of coursework

Paper 1: Drama – Othello and A Streetcar Named Desire

Paper 2: Prose – Frankenstein and Never Let Me Go

Paper 3: Poetry – Poems of the Decade and Christina Rossetti

Non-examination - Coursework

When you join us in September, please ensure you have a ringbinder folder for the course.

You will also need dividers to separate each paper and each text.

Useful Websites and Further Reading

https://www.sparknotes.com/nofear/shakespeare/othello/

https://studyrocket.co.uk/revision/a-levelenglish-literature-aqa/b-tragedyothello/character-othello

https://www.yorknotes.com/alevel/englishliterature/othello-2017/revisioncards/02_context

DUE: First lesson in September