

English Literature Summer Homework: Othello

The first text you will study for English Literature is 'Othello', by William Shakespeare.

1) Go to the Sparknotes website on 'Othello': <http://www.sparknotes.com/shakespeare/othello/>

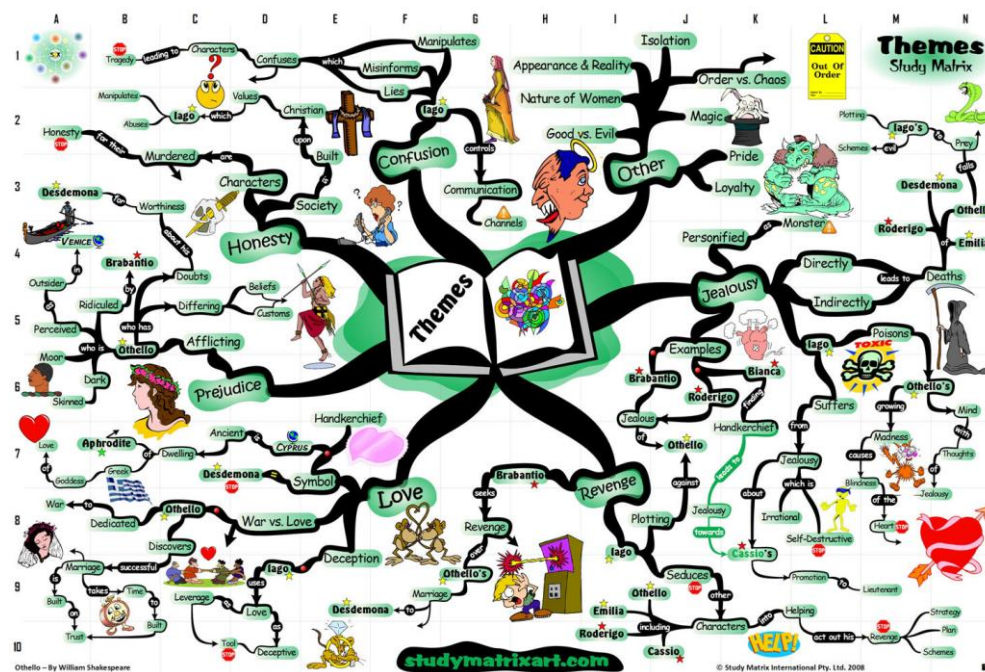
Carefully read the plot summary, the scene summaries, and the themes.

2) Make a mindmap, showing where or how you think the following aspects may occur in 'Othello':

- Misjudgements
- Pity
- Loss of identity

If you're unsure about any of these terms, do some research on them, and how they relate to literary texts.

Here's an example of a good quality mindmap of 'Othello'.



You can if you wish, use this site to make your mindmap - <http://app.mindmapmaker.org/> - or do it by hand.

2) Write a short paragraph (no more than 200 words) explaining how you anticipate **one** of these aspects (misjudgements, or pity, or loss of identity) will be important in 'Othello'.

Bring your mindmap and your paragraph to your first English lesson.

When we look at your work we will be looking for

- Close focus on the three aspects (misjudgements, pity, loss of identity)
- Independence of thought and creativity (we don't want material cut and paste from the internet)
- Some detail and development of ideas.