

Othello Soliloquy Analysis

<u>Directions:</u> Follow the steps listed below to complete the activity.

STEP ONE:

<u>**Directions**</u>: Read the following prompt and determine the WHAT (what is the prompt telling you to analyze).

PROMPT:

In the following <u>speech</u> from William Shakespeare's play *Othello*, Othello, a Venetian military General who has been falsely misled that his wife has been cheating on him, sits on the bed next to his sleeping wife, Desdemona, and contemplates his decision to murder her. Read the monologue carefully. Then write a well-organized essay in which you analyze the literary elements and techniques Shakespeare uses to convey Othello's complex emotions in this moment.

PURPOSE OF PROMPT

(What is the purpose of the passage? What are you analyzing, according to the prompt?)

STEP TWO:

Directions: Watch the following clip.

Othello - Put Out The Light

STEP THREE:

<u>**Directions**</u>: Write a full introduction to the "essay" that addresses the purpose of the prompt/passage and all other pertinent information. Your introduction should not exceed three sentences.

INTRODUCTORY PARAGRAPH:

STEP FOUR:

Directions: Analyze the soliloquy through the site "Video Ant." Directions for how to sign up and create your analysis are listed below.

- 1. Go to VideoAnt.
- 2. Create an account using your Schoogle account login information.
- 3. When it prompts you for a URL, use the following link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uo5QrSsH618. Then click LOAD.
- 4. Follow the instructions on the screen to create your annotations.

You need a minimum of FOUR annotations.

Each of your annotations needs to consist of at least two to three complete sentences and use specific evidence from the text/clip to support your response.

*Your annotations should support the claim made in your introductory paragraph. Look at the annotation below to give you an idea of how to construct your annotations.

Sample Annotation:

So sweet was ne'er so fatal. I must weep, But they are cruel tears: this sorrow's heavenly;

It strikes where it doth love.

Othello's sadness is communicated through the solemn tone he carries towards the end of the soliloquy. He displays his emotions on his chest by simply saying how this betrayal is something that saddens him to no end to the point where he "must weep." It isn't simply sadness, however, but has anger mixed within as he says, "but they are cruel tears" conveying the undertone of rage within his words.

STEP SIX:

<u>**Directions**</u>: Submit your annotated video. Directions for how to submit your assignment are listed below.

1. Click the "Open Settings Button" on your page.



- 2. Change the title from "Iago Speech end of act II scene i" to "Your Name Period #"
- 3. Click "Share"
- 4. Copy the URL provided.
- 5. Paste the URL in the box below.

VIDEO URL:

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If the link doesn't work, find it on your phone and write your annotations/timestamps in the spaces provided below.

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