

Tragic Mental Landscapes

DUE: Monday, Oct. 5

In the plays of *Oedipus* and *Medea*, and the novel *Things Fall Apart*, the main characters undergo extreme psychological change. Oedipus, for example, goes from blindness to enlightenment—discovering his true identity but losing his eyesight and everything he holds dear.

Create a psychological landscape for **two** of the characters listed below using writing, images, symbols, drawings, pictures, collage, etc.

What does the character's mind look like? Sound like? You may use any media you find in the classroom or at home. Be sure to include all angles of your character's identity, what he/she knows and what he/she doesn't. Consider your character's influences, motivation, negative and positive traits, thoughts, important images and symbols, beliefs, feelings, value and perceptions of other. Your landscape should present a complete picture of your character's identity!

Characters (choose 2, each from a different text)

- Okonkwo
- Nwoye
- Medea
- Jason
- Oedipus

Directions:

1. Create your artistic psychological landscape (one for each character)
 - Must incorporate 2 quotations from the text
2. On the back of each, answer the following questions as they pertain to your character:
 - What psychological change does your character undergo?
 - What are the major factors that influence that change?
 - How do the two quotations that you selected really exemplify your character and/or their mental change?
Cite page numbers!
 - How do your artistic choices reflect your character's mental state?
Consider: color, images, symbols, shapes, words, etc.

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Tragic Mental Landscapes Rubric

Turn in this rubric with your landscapes!

Character 1: _____

The landscape clearly reflects a deep understanding of the character, his/her mental changes, influences, motivation, beliefs, feelings, etc.	
The student has incorporated 2 relevant quotations	
The landscape is neat and reflects creative energy	_____/15
The student answers the four required questions. Answers reflect thoughtfulness and a true understanding of the character.	_____/5
TOTAL	_____/20

Character 2: _____

The landscape clearly reflects a deep understanding of the character, his/her mental changes, influences, motivation, beliefs, feelings, etc.	
The student has incorporated 2 relevant quotations	
The landscape is neat and reflects creative energy	_____/15
The student answers the four required questions. Answers reflect thoughtfulness and a true understanding of the character.	_____/5
TOTAL	_____/20