

## **AS Level English Literature LTB 3 Shakespeare Coursework**

### **Othello: Possible Topics for Coursework**

*The following are suggested areas which could form the basis of your coursework assignment title. You should choose an area which interests you and which you feel you can do justice to in your essay. The areas below can be used either as they stand or amended as you wish. You could alternatively choose a completely different topic for your essay. Whatever you opt to do, you must discuss your essay title with me before you embark on it so that I can ensure that you will be able to cover the assessment topics effectively.*

A great tragic hero or an ignorant brute? How is the audience meant to view Othello?

A study of evil? Discuss the function of Iago in "Othello".

"I am not what I am." Discuss how the disparity between appearance and reality underlies the tragedy of "Othello".

"Chaos is come again." Discuss "Othello" as a tragedy of disorder and destruction.

"One that loved not wisely." Discuss the play's exploration of the corruption of love.

To what extent is the tragedy of "Othello" brought about through the values of the society in which it is set?

How are women represented in "Othello"?

Discuss the view that "Othello" is a tragedy of misunderstanding.

"Beware, my lord, of jealousy...[it] doth mock the meat it feeds on." Consider how this idea is explored through the characters of Iago and Othello.

*Remember: your essay must be between 1500 and 2000 words long. As well as giving your own opinions, you must draw upon the interpretations of other critics, using quotations from them and commenting upon these.*

*Remember the assessment objectives that you are being tested on in this assignment- make sure you cover these in your responses.*