

Othello Act 5

Scene 1

1. What does Iago call Roderigo in an aside, immediately after placing him ready to murder Cassio? (And what does this mean?)
2. List the order of events in the next few lines:
3. What two words does Othello use to describe Desdemona?
4. Look carefully at the conversation between Emilia and Bianca. Give two short quotes. Why do you think Emilia is so hostile?

Scene 2

1. What reason does Othello give for killing Desdemona?
2. What is meant by the line "Put out the light and then put out the light"?
3. What is the "flaming minister" and what else could this also suggest?
4. What is the "Promethean heat"?

5. What does Othello mean by “thy unprepared soul”?

6. Explain the comment by Othello “had all his hairs been lives, my great revenge had stomach for them all.”

7. What are Desdemona’s final words? And to whom does she say them? Why is this important?

8. Give two quotes from Emilia, describing Othello at this point.

9. Why does Emilia repeat “my husband” several times?

10. Once Emilia realises what has happened, she considers herself relieved of her marital obligations: find the quote that shows this?

11. What does Emilia say to Othello next? Why are these words important?

12. Why does Iago kill Emilia?

13. How does Montano describe Othello?

14. What does Emilia sing as she dies?