OTHELLO

ANSWER KEY

1) What is the full title of the play Othello?
   a) *Othello*
   b) *Othello, the Moor of Venice*
   c) *The Extraordinary Tragedy of Othello*
   d) *Othello, A Tragedy in Five Acts*

2) Who steals Desdemona's handkerchief?
   a) Emilia
   b) Iago
   c) Bianca
   d) Cassio

3) What is the significance of the handkerchief in Othello?
   a) It was special in that Othello had taken the time to sew the handkerchief himself.
   b) It was a wedding gift from Desdemona's family.
   c) It was the first gift he gave Desdemona and also a gift from his mother.
   d) It was meant to be for Othello and Desdemona's first child.

4) Why does Othello go to Cyrus?
   a) After eloping with Desdemona, he is banished to Cyrus by Brabantio.
   b) His mother was ill and needed to go to Cyrus to help her recover.
   c) Cyrus was the only place Othello and Desdemona could be married.
   d) He is sent to Cyprus to take command to protect the island.

5) Who else is in love with Desdemona and wanted to marry her?

    a) Rodrigo

    b) Iago

    c) Lodovico

    d) Cassio

6) Which two characters tell Brabantio, Desdemona's father, that she has eloped with Othello?

    a) Lodovico and Gratiano

    b) Cassio and Montano

    c) Rodrigo and Iago

    d) Emilia and Bianca

7) Who says, "But I will wear my heart upon my sleeve/For daws to peck at: I am not what I am"?

    a) Desdemona

    b) Iago

    c) Othello

    d) Rodrigo

8) How does Iago get Cassio demoted?

    a) He accuses Cassio of having an affair with Desdemona.

    b) He reveals a shameful secret about Cassio's past.

    c) He encourages Cassio to challenge Othello's authority.

    d) He tricks Cassio into getting drunk and has Roderigo pick a fight with him. He is then arrested.

9) Who says, "Nothing extenuate, not set down aught in malice. Then must you speak of one that loved not wisely, but too well."

    a) Iago

    b) Desdemona

    c) Othello

    d) Emilia

10) How does Iago describe jealousy in the play?

a) "a green-eyed monster"

b) "a bitter bitterness"

c) "a winter of discontent"

d) "an envious beast"