

English Literature A Level: Year 12-13

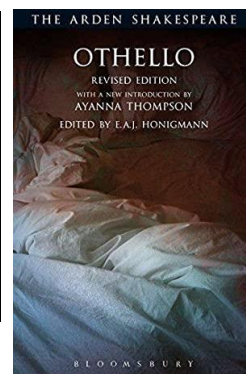
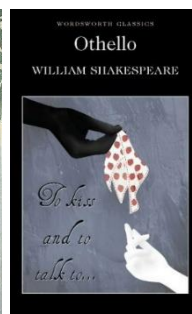
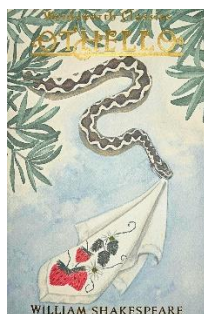
Summer Independent Learning

Task One: NEA

Continue working on your coursework. You are to submit the first 1,200-1,500 words – broadly speaking, your introduction plus the first main section of your essay – by the deadline set by your teacher. Note that this deadline may be before you return to college. This should be checked carefully for errors, double line spaced, with a word count, and should include the use of critics.

Task Two: *Othello*: purchase, read, watch

In the exam you will have a clean copy of the Wordsworth Classics edition of *Othello*, and we recommend you purchase this so you can familiarise yourself with it, find your way around the text, and make notes as you study – either of the first two images on here is fine: the content is the same. In addition, we also recommend the Arden Shakespeare version of *Othello*: this is a very detailed version with extensive notes and will give you a wealth of additional information as we explore the play.



Read the play.

Watch the play. Your teacher will provide you with a link to the 2007 Globe Theatre production of *Othello*, directed by Wilson Milam. Make notes on anything you find significant as you watch, particularly in relation to the use of stagecraft.

Task Three: *Othello*: content, contexts and critics

- Read and complete the '*Othello*: Content, Contexts and Critics' document provided by your teacher, and submit it by the time you return to college. This document is very much only a starting point for your exploration of the play, but this will place you in a good position to begin studying the text in detail in September.

Task Four: Massolit lectures

- Watch and make notes on the following Massolit lecture series. Note that anything that these critics say can be noted down, learned and then used in your essays next year:

- *Othello*: Lisa Hopkins (1 hour) <https://massolit.io/courses/shakespeare-othello-lisa-hopkins>
- *Othello & Race*: Ania Loomba (1hr 14 minutes) <https://massolit.io/courses/shakespeareothello-and-race>

Task Five: organise and look over your Year 12 course content

Look over the notes you have made in Year 12. Consider how well you know the content, and whether your notes are in a position which will allow you to effectively revise from them.

- Organise your notes as needed
- Make flashcards, knowledge organisers, Quizlets etc. to learn course content