Othello
William Shakespeare

Background Information
1  good  5  1599  9  general
2  London  6  round  10  Cyprus
3  an actor  7  afternoon  11  Turkey
4  Globe  8  tragedy  12  Italian

People in the Story
1  Iago  5  Othello
2  Desdemona  6  Bianca
3  Cassio  7  Emilia
4  Brabantio  8  Montano

True or False?
1 F, 2 T, 3 T, 4 F, 5 T, 6 F, 7 T, 8 T, 9 F, 10 T, 11 F, 12 T, 13 F, 14 F

Multiple Choice
1  b  6  b  11  a
2  b  7  a  12  d
3  b  8  c  13  a
4  c  9  a
5  d  10  b

Events in the Story
a  8, b  6, c  9, d  10, e  5, f  7, g  11, h  12, i  3, j  1, k  2, l  4

Vocabulary: War and fighting
1  general  5  poison  9  wounded
2  lieutenant  6  stab  10  riot
3  soldier  7  fanfare  11  strangle
4  messenger  8  sword

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Vocabulary: Letter fills

1 thieves 5 punishment 9 handkerchief
2 gondolier 6 drown 10 innocent
3 ashamed 7 whisper 11 monster
4 resist 8 revenge 12 witchcraft

Vocabulary: Verbs and nouns

1 poison 5 prove
2 deceive 6 punishment
3 embroidery 7 trick
4 lie 8 wound

Complete the sentences with the correct form of one of the words from the table.

1 poison 5 trick / deceive
2 embroidery 6 proof
3 liar 7 wounds
4 deceived / tricked 8 punishment

Useful words and phrases

1 c, 2 e, 3 a, 4 f, 5 d, 6 b

Match the words or phrases above to their meaning below.

1 ask for pardon 4 foul villain
2 peace of mind 5 show off
3 standard-bearer 6 can’t bear

Grammar: Direct speech

1 ‘Can you tell me the story of your life,’ Brabantio asked.
2 ‘I wish I could be a man,’ said Desdemona
3 ‘Where is the handkerchief?’ Othello asked her.
4 ‘Desdemona is deceiving Othello,’ said Iago.
5 ‘Steal it,’ said Iago told me.
6 ‘I kissed Desdemona,’ said Cassio.
7 ‘Go to bed, Desdemona!’ said Othello.
8 ‘I put the handkerchief there,’ said Iago.
9 ‘Where are the Turkish ships?’ asked the duke.
Grammar: Reported speech
1  Iago told Roderigo not to worry.
2  Brabantio asked what was happening.
3  Iago told Brabantio that he had been robbed.
4  Brabantio asked how Desdemona had got out.
5  Cassio told Othello that the duke wished to see him immediately.
6  Othello told the men to put their swords away.
7  Othello said that if he went to prison he couldn’t go to the duke.
8  The duke asked Brabantio what the matter was.
9  Brabantio said that his daughter had been stolen from him.
10 The duke said that they would catch him and punish him.
11 The duke told Brabantio to let them go.
12 Othello said that he would leave Iago behind.

Pronunciation: Word stress
1-3  handkerchief, innocent, messenger
4-7  deception, emotion, lieutenant, Venetian
8-9  gondolier, reputation