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English 91

An Essay of Your Own Invention  
based on Othello

Write a three to five page essay in which you make an argument, share an opinion or formulate a thesis that can be supported by your interpretations and analyses of Othello. This argument should emerge from the work we have done in class so far. Specifically, consider your discussion questions, textual annotations, viewing of the film version and class notes. Ask yourself: What do I have a strong opinion about? What is interesting to me about the work we have done so far? Where have I reacted strongly to the characters, actions, themes, language use, theatrical elements in this play?

This essay should have a thesis/statement of your argument somewhere in its opening, though it does not have to appear in the very first paragraph. You must support this argument with analyses of quotes from the play, and you must provide the reader with enough context/background so that she can follow your position (but this does not mean you have to summarize the entire play).

Technical matters...please type your 3-4 page first draft of your essay in 12-point font and double-space (save my eyesight!). Provide a clear heading with your name, the date, our course section, the title of your essay and the draft #. Be creative with the title (Othello can not be the title of your essay, because that title is Shakespeare's title, not yours).

This essay draft should be submitted in one of the following ways:

1. Give it to Ross on Monday, April 18, and he will put them in Vanessa's mailbox.
2. Email it to Vanessa as a Microsoft Word document before Monday, April 25.
3. Give it to Aline and Phil on Wednesday, April 27 in lab, and they will put it in Vanessa's mailbox.
4. Put it in Vanessa's mailbox in C309 by the time you leave campus on Wednesday, April 27.

We will work on draft #2 on computer lab after spring break on Thursday, April 28.

Looking forward to reading your essays ☺