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*Othello: Act III Questions*  
**A Stolen Handkerchief, A Shattered Love** (a melodramatic title...)

1. Copy a quotation below that shows Desdemona's commitment to helping Cassio regain his position.
2. What is Cassio afraid will happen in scene iii, lines 13-18?
3. Explain Iago's strategy in scene iii, lines 39-41. How does his manipulation work?
4. Why does Iago mention Brabantio in his conversation with Othello in scene iii?
5. What advice does Iago give Othello about Cassio in scene iii, line 264? Why does he tell Othello to do this?
6. How/why is the handkerchief first produced in the scene? Who ends up with it and why?
7. Copy down a quotation that reveals Othello's confused state of mind in scene iii.

8. Describe the strange (and funny) encounter between Cassio and Iago that Iago offers as proof of Cassio and Desdemona's affair. (III. 426-441)

9. What does Iago tell Othello about the handkerchief?

10. Scene three ends with Iago and Othello kneeling together. Why do they do this?

11. What is the pun that the Clown is amused by in the opening to scene iv?

12. What does Othello ask Desdemona to give him in scene iv? What does she discuss in order to change the subject?

13. This is not a question...just make sure you read Emilia's interesting view of men and women in lines 105-108 of scene iv.

14. How does Emilia depict jealousy in scene iv?

15. Who is Bianca and what does Cassio give her at the end of the scene?

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Act III - answer questions 1 & 2 <sup>#3</sup> in notebook  
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- Fore shadowing - If Othello stops loving Desdemona, it will be bad.
- Othello is angry because Iago won't say what he thinks
- Iago - Men should always be themselves but Iago says he is not who he is. (irony)
- Iago - to Othello, it's better that you don't know my thoughts.
- Iago tells Othello to be weary of the green eyed monster. Beware of jealousy.
- Othello won't be jealous until he sees proof. She chose me. (Desdemona)
- Iago says he is trying to protect Othello
- Iago is saying Desdemona might have these thoughts because she married him / he is black.
- Othello tells him to watch Desdemona. Othello says Iago knows more than he is telling.
- Comes back to tell Othello Desdemona is honest, nevermind.
- Othello says Iago is honest & if Desdemona is not honest, he will ruin her.  
I am abused / deceived.  
My relief must be to hate her.
- Emilia picks up handkerchief  
She thinks Othello gave it to her, Iago wants it
- Iago will put it in Cassio's house  
> this will be proof of Desdemona's unfaithful thoughts / actions

## Answer questions

- 4) She deceived her father
- 5) Iago tells Othello to hold off & don't give him his job yet
- 6) Desdemona tries to wipe Othello's face, Othello lets it fall on the floor. Emilia picks it up for Iago. It will be proof.
- 7) Quote?

pg. 135 line 345

- Othello was happy yesterday. Iago says to himself: <sup>Now</sup> Nothing can make Othello as happy as he was.
- Othello says it was better not to know anything. You have ruined me - to Iago
- You better prove she's <sup>Desdemona</sup> a whore, or else you are done (Othello to Iago)
- Iago is yelling at himself
- Iago tells Othello "Would you actually want to see them in the act?"

Desdemona & Cassio

- Iago says Cassio became intimate with Iago in his sleep. Saying "Sweet Desdemona!"

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