

# Resources

## Appendix A: Othello in Ten Parts

1

Iago is angry that Othello, the general of the army, has promoted Cassio to be his lieutenant instead of Iago.

“I have already chose my office. – one Michael Cassio”

2

Othello has secretly married Desdemona, the daughter of a senator in Venice.

“She loved me for the dangers I had passed,  
And I loved her, that she did pity them.”

3

Iago, with Roderigo, a suitor of Desdemona, arrive at night outside Desdemona's father(Brabantio)'s house. They make noise to get Brabantio's attention and tell him about the secret marriage.

“an old black ram is tuppung your white ewe.”

4

Brabantio makes a formal complaint about Othello's behaviour to the Duke of Venice, accusing Othello of bewitching his daughter. The Duke meets Othello to discuss sending him to Cyprus. Desdemona arrives and confirms she loves him and has not been bewitched by Othello. On hearing this, Brabantio disowns his daughter.

“look to her, Moor, if thou hast eyes to see.  
She has deceived her father, and may thee.

5

The Duke sends Othello to Cyprus. Othello takes his new wife Desdemona with him. Travelling with them is Desdemona's companion Emilia, who is also Iago's wife, together with Iago and Michael Cassio.

“The Moor himself at sea,  
and is in full commission here for Cyprus.”

6

Iago encourages Cassio to get drunk whilst on duty. Cassio ends up in a drunken fight and is demoted from his position as lieutenant.

“Come, Lieutenant,  
I have a stoup of wine....have measure to the health of black Othello.”

7

Iago begins to plant seeds of suspicion in Othello's mind about his wife's relationship with Michael Cassio. Emilia brings Iago a handkerchief belonging to Desdemona and he hides it in Cassio's room, pretending it is proof of Desdemona's unfaithfulness.

“I am glad I have found this napkin:  
My wayward husband hath a hundred times  
Wooed me to steal it”

8

Desdemona pleads with Othello to give Cassio his job back. She does this innocently but Othello takes this as proof of her feelings for Cassio.

“My advocacy is not now in tune:  
My lord is not my lord; nor should I know him”

9

Iago continues to manipulate Othello. Convinced she has betrayed him, Othello murders his new wife as punishment for her supposed unfaithfulness.

“Do it not with poison. Strangle her in her bed”

10

Iago's wife, Emilia, tells Othello that Iago has lied. Othello realises his tragic mistake and commits suicide over the body of his wife, as Iago is arrested.

“I kissed thee, ere I killed thee: no way but this,  
Killing myself, to die upon a kiss.”