Grade 9-10

Self Assessment

Othello - What This Would Look Like in College

RCC
English 1B
Essay #3

Rough Draft Workshop: _____
Final Draft Due: _____

Directions: Write a 4-5 page paper addressing one of the prompts below. Remember all that we have discussed in class regarding theses, plans of development, and topic sentences. A thesis statement must be arguable assertion that you can back up with evidence from the text. A thesis is NOT a fact, action, situation, or topic from the text. It is an idea or conclusion that you have gleaned from your analysis.

1.) Write an essay discussing the importance of race in Othello. How does his place as the "other" (a man different from everyone else because of race, so in some ways an outsider) affect the events of the play? How does it affect others' view of him? Does Othello's own self-perception affect Iago's ability to manipulate him?

2.) Write an essay in which you compare and/or contrast Iago and Othello. Do you feel that they anything in common? If so, what are their common strengths/weaknesses? To what conclusion can we come when analyzing their character traits and their ultimate downfalls?

3.) Write an essay in which you address our class's them of "Identity and Violence." What issues of identity are at the root of the violence in the play? What do the characters react so violently to what they feel are injustices?

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