

The character of tragedy: Macbeth and Othello at KS4-5

Tuesday 20 March 2018

St James the Less, London



An accessible, character-based approach to the study of tragedies that brings the curriculum to life

- Give students a better understanding of themes and effects that Shakespeare intended
- Gain clear direction on the literary context of Macbeth and Othello
- Delve into complex relationships in Shakespearian works and the conventions of the tragic hero
- Discover transferable analytical strategies to apply to other texts

Sessions include:

Lectures:

Othello: questions and uncertainties

Dr Fred Parker, University of Cambridge

Teacher-led workshops:

Lady Macbeth and her husband: a tragedy of characters

Iago and Othello: The characters of tragedy

This day is for you if:

- You would like fresh ideas to engage more pupils with Shakespeare
- You want to develop your understanding of Macbeth and Othello and the context in which they were written
- You want to explore fresh thinking on characterisation
- You want to gain resources and activities to use in class for this topic and beyond

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Dr Fred Parker is Senior Lecturer in English at Cambridge and a Fellow of Clare College. He teaches literature from Shakespeare through to the Romantics and also has a special interest in Tragedy. Recent publications include *The Devil as Muse*, a study of Blake and Byron, and 'Open Borders: *Paradise Lost*, Politics, and Poetry', in *The Use of English*.

***Othello*: questions and uncertainties**

This talk will explore how jealousy is portrayed in *Othello*, and its relationship to our sense of character. Is the tragedy explained by Othello's peculiar situation as the Moor of Venice, or does it have more general implications? We will consider different registers of language and the gender politics of a woman's place in a man's world.

Teacher Leader

All of our days are developed and led by practising teachers

Gareth Davies is Senior English Teacher at Coloma Convent Girls' School. He has taught at Harris Academy Greenwich, and was Lead Teacher for the more able and led the Classical Civilisation Department at Sawtry Community College. Gareth has had poems and short stories published in various literary periodicals and recently completed his first novel.

Clare O'Sullivan is Subject Leader for English and Deputy Headteacher with responsibility for English and Literacy at Stewards Academy. She coaches struggling teachers and prepared AST candidates to successful accreditation of the Advanced Skills status. Clare believes that teachers should remain students of their chosen subjects.

“The day has given me new ideas to approach many different texts and made me excited to start.”

- Erika Ott, Whitefield School | English CPD Day participant 2016



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