Reading Skills and Strategies

The Tragedy of Othello

Relationships in Act I

In Act I, Shakespeare introduces the main characters in his tragedy and begins to reveal the nature of their relationships. As you read the act, note pairs of characters who are connected in various ways, as stated above each pair. Write the names of these characters above the figures. Then summarize how each views the relationship.

**Commander and Ensign (Ancient)**

Name: Othello

Name: ____________________________

How he views the relationship: ____________________________

How he views the relationship: ____________________________

**Husband and Wife**

Name: ____________________________

Name: ____________________________

How he views the relationship: ____________________________

How she views the relationship: ____________________________

**Father and Daughter**

Name: ____________________________

Name: ____________________________

How he views the relationship: ____________________________

How she views the relationship: ____________________________

OVER
Fill out the diagram below to describe what Iago’s relationship to each person in the circles next to him is, how he feels about each person, and why he feels this way.

IAGO

- Othello
  - ___________________
  - ___________________
  - ___________________

- Cassio
  - ___________________
  - ___________________
  - ___________________

- Roderigo
  - ___________________
  - ___________________
  - ___________________