Othello, by William Shakespeare (1564-1616):
summer reading for the Northwestern class of 2010

Summer online discussion

Along with reading the text of Othello, later in the summer you will be able to take part in a Blackboard online discussion specially designed around your reading experience of Othello. Blackboard is an online forum on which you will be able to read other students’ reactions to the play and post responses of your own before you arrive on campus in September. The website will also let you look at streaming video clips from performed versions of Othello and later adaptations, images of Venice and Cyprus by Shakespeare’s contemporaries, and short essays by professors from across Northwestern that will give you a sense of how many angles of approach a play like Othello offers. You will receive an e-mail message in July that will provide more specific instructions on how to access the Blackboard site. Our first online discussion will be held during the first full week of August (August 7-13), so please be sure to access the site at that time.

On Monday, September 18 at 6 p.m. in Harris Hall 107, the Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences will host an exciting conclusion to your summer experience with the book. The title of this event is “Of Here and Everywhere’: Scenes from Othello.” This Evening with Weinberg will also introduce you to the “One Book, One Northwestern” programs, which will take place later in the Fall quarter. We hope you will make use of the website and
attend Evening with Weinberg.

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