



## Othello

Othello is a play by Shakespeare about a Black general who leads the army of Venice. Even though some people are racist toward him, Othello is respected because he's a good fighter.

The story begins when Othello secretly marries Desdemona, a white woman from a rich family. This makes some people mad, especially a man named Iago who acts like Othello's friend but really hates him.

Iago makes a plan to hurt Othello. He tricks Othello into thinking Desdemona is cheating on him with another soldier named Cassio. Iago puts Desdemona's special cloth (a gift from Othello) in Cassio's room as fake proof.

Othello gets very jealous and stops believing Desdemona when she says she didn't cheat. His jealousy gets so bad that he kills Desdemona by covering her face with a pillow. Right after, Othello learns that Iago lied about everything. When Othello realizes what he's done, he kills himself.

The play shows how racism and jealousy can ruin a person's life, even someone as strong and successful as Othello.