

Independent study booklet “The Tempest”

Name: _____

Form: _____

English Teacher: _____



Your teacher will collect this in during the last week of term. The whole booklet must be complete. If you do not understand a task, you must ask about it before the final hand in date. Incomplete booklets will incur a detention. Completed extension tasks will gain you Go4Schools points.

Week one: Shakespearean Theatre Culture

Write a diary entry as a person in Shakespeare's time who has just been to the theatre.

Decide first if you are rich or poor- why would this make a difference?

Describe what you can see/ hear/ smell.

What play did you go to see? Did you enjoy it?

Who else was there?

What was going on before, during and after the play?

Aim to include as many of the facts about Shakespeare's theatre as you can.

Extension: Include these kinds of sentences. Highlight them so your teacher can see.

A semicolon sentence

A complex sentence

A compound sentence

A colon sentence

Week Two: Being Antonio

Imagine you are Antonio (Prospero's brother) before the play begins. Write a letter to the King of Naples to persuade him to help you to overthrow your brother, Prospero. Explain why he is a bad Duke, what it is that he has done or is not doing and why you would be a much better Duke of Milan than he is. Then tell him your plan to get rid of Prospero and ask for his help. You should write this as a letter in clear paragraphs. Check your spelling and punctuation.

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Week Three: Descriptive writing

- Write a description of a desert island, using this picture as inspiration. Remember to use your hourglass (sand timer) to help you plan what you will write. Check your work for spelling, punctuation and vocabulary.



Extension: Use these examples of ambitious vocabulary in your work. Highlight where you have done so.

- Malevolent
- Conspicuous
- Precarious
- Undulating
- Corroding.

Week Four: Caliban on trial

“Caliban is completely irredeemable; he has attacked anyone who has ever tried to help him.”

Write an article where you argue either for or against this statement.

Extension: Aim to include DAFOREST techniques to persuade your reader that you are right. Highlight where you have done this.

Week Five: The new world

Research Elizabethan explorers and expeditions. You should write about:

Important people

Where was discovered

What discoveries were brought back

What people thought of the explorers

Extension: Write a letter home as if you are a sailor on one of these explorer's ships. Tell them about what you have been doing, what you have seen, the conditions of the ships. etc

Week Six: Prospero on Trial

“Prospero is completely selfish. He doesn’t care about anyone but himself and his ambitions.”

Write an article where you argue either for or against this statement.

Extension: Aim to include DAFOREST techniques to persuade your reader that you are right. Highlight where you have done this.