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English B

Form 4

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Note: All work **MUST** be dated and done in your English B Note Book

Novel: The Tempest by William Shakespeare

Lesson No. 1

Activity

1. Read the summary of the play. (pages V-XII)
2. Read and note the list of characters. (page 1)
3. What is a 'tempest'? Explain in your own words.
4. Revise Act 1 Scene 1. This scene takes place on a ship at sea during a terrible storm. Discuss how the title of the novel is appropriate for the scene.
5. Consider the activities on (page 2) No. 1, Find suitable responses for a to d.
6. Read and interpret the notes on (page 2) for 'Challenging Authority'.
 - (a) Who are the high-status passengers?
 - (b) Who is in charge?
 - (c) Who orders the king and the other aristocrats off the deck?

Lesson No. 2

1. Familiarize yourself with the meaning of word(s) used before reading.
2. Read over Act 1 Scene 1, 'A Ship at Sea'.
In your own words explain lines 15-16 (page 3)
3. Study the notes on 'More Challenges to Authority'. Discuss how someone with the lowest social status speaks to his social superiors with little or no respect.
4. Read the notes on 'The Storm, Another Challenge' (page 4). The storm also represents a challenge to Humanity's authority over nature.
5. Study the vocabulary list on page 4
6. Pretend to be Boatswain. Read the lines spoken by him aloud.
7. Now, pretend to be Gonzalo. Read his lines aloud. (Nos. 6 and 7 should be done in pairs but if you are alone you can pretend to be both characters.)
8. Write a summary of Act 1 Scene 1 describing the setting and explaining the characters feelings towards the shipwreck.

Lesson No. 3

1. Read pages 148 to 157 on 'What is the play about?'
 - (a) Makes notes on various interpretation of the play.
 - (b) Read and interpret the following themes of the play.
 - Usurpation (the overthrow of a rightful ruler)
 - Nature versus nurture (natural growth versus education and civilization)
 - Imprisonment and freedom
 - Forgiveness and reconciliation
 - Illusion and Magic
 - Colonialism
 - Sleep and dreams
 - Change and transformation (metamorphosis)

Answer the following questions

1. (a) List the number of Acts in the play.
(c) State how many Scenes are in each Act
2. List five characters in Act 1 Scene and explain their roles.
3. Describe the confusion of the shipwreck.

Note: Read ahead, Act 1 Scene 2