***Othello* Vocabulary**

**Act I**

1. Abhor – v. To regard with disgust and hatred
2. Alacrity – n. Cheerful readiness, promptness, or willingness
3. Civility – Courtesy; politeness
4. Delude – v. To impose a misleading belief on someone; deceive; fool
5. Grievance – n. An official statement of complaint over a perceived wrong
6. Iniquity – n. Evil doing; wickedness
7. Lascivious – adj. Feeling or revealing an overt and offensive sexual desire
8. Moor – n. A Muslim of mixed Berber and Arab descent from NW Africa
9. Promulgate – v. Promote or make widely known
10. Timorous – adj. Full of fear; fearful

**Act II**

1. Discern – v. to see, to recognize, or to notice
2. Citadel – n. fortress set high above a city
3. Discreet – adj. having or showing good judgment about what one says or does
4. Eminent – adj. standing out so as to be easily noticed
5. Impediment – n. obstacle, bar, hindrance
6. Gnaw – v. to bite or chew persistently
7. Ensue – v. to take place after or as a result; to follow
8. Barbarous – adj. uncivilized, cruel
9. Censure – n. strong disapproval; an official expression of disapproval
10. Inordinate – adj. uncontrolled, excessive, exceeding reasonable limits

**Act III**

1. Procure – v. to get possession of, to obtain through care or effort
2. Affinity- n. familial relationship, kinship
3. Penitent – adj. feeling sorrow for having committed a wrongdoing
4. Ruminate – v. to go over and over in one’s mind
5. Inference – n. a conclusion based on some facts or evidence
6. Disposition – n. the orderly arrangement or settlement of a matter
7. Vehement – adj. powerful, strongly felt or expressed
8. Tranquil – adj. free from disturbance; calm; quiet
9. Compulsive- adj. having to do something with irresistible force
10. Loathed – v. disliked intensely, often with disgust; hated

**Act IV**

1. Dotage – n. state of mental decline associated with advanced age
2. Credulous- adj. ready to believe, often on slight or uncertain evidence
3. Lethargy – n. the quality or state of being drowsy, lazy, or indifferent
4. Beguile – v. to deceive or to trick
5. Importunes – v. begs or urges persistently
6. Breach – n. break, rupture, or gap
7. Requite – v. to make suitable return for; to repay
8. Impudent – adj. shamelessly bold; cocky
9. Shroud – v. to screen, to veil, or to disguise
10. Peevish – adj. whining; fretful; complaining

**Act V**

1. Restitution – n. an act of restoring or making good
2. Monumental – adj. serving or resembling a monument or a memorial
3. Quench – v. to put out
4. Portents – n. things that foreshadow a coming event
5. Pernicious – adj. very destructive; deadly
6. Amorous – adj. having to do with love
7. Viper – n. poisonous snake
8. Wrench – v. to twist violently or take forcibly
9. Ensnared – v. trapped, caught
10. Interim – n. time between; interval