

***Othello* Pre-reading activity/anticipation guide**

1. Examine cultural rules which we live by...

Think and/or write about the following topics before discussing them:

- What rules dictate the behavior of young men and women in relationships today?

- Name a situation in which the rules have clearly been violated. That is, what are things “nice girls” just don’t do? What are things “nice boys” just don’t do?

- Why do these rules exist? Do you think they just apply locally or even just in your school? What are the possible consequences of breaking these rules?

2. Students will divide into groups to brainstorm situations in which cultural rules were unclear or were very different from what they expected.

Each group should come up with one or two situations and list:

- the actual rule,

- the rule as interpreted incorrectly,

- and • where help could be found.