

All of these points need to be made in the context of an argument that says they are all still problems faced by society. Don't spend too long finding examples from present-day society, just allude to them

Reveals the hypocrisy of society

- Othello is welcomed as a soldier but not as a son-in-law
- Brabantio liked him for his stories, but not for his daughter
- Similar to racist people having no problem with Polynesian or African Americans playing on their sports teams as long as they win

Reveals people's insecurities

- Othello's ('declined into the vale of years', 'And yet nature erring from itself')
- Iago's (fears Othello sleeping with his wife)
- Assume Othello is using black magic because they can't see how he would be attractive to a woman like Desdemona

Explain how an idea in your studied text has relevance to present-day societies

Shows the power of hatred to triumph over love

- Othello and Desdemona's love was strong ('Excellent wretch I do love thee...') but it could be undone by Iago's evil and Othello's insecurities

Shows the effect alienation has on people

- When Othello feels he is on his own, he becomes secretive and plots to kill Desdemona rather than bringing the issue into the open and resolving it.
- Othello feels he can't trust anyone except Iago
 - Everything becomes secretive
- Roderigo is equally secretive because he fears Desdemona does not love him.

Reveals how people often fear the outsider

- Animal imagery and racism
- Brabantio had dreamed about someone like Othello would steal his daughter from him
- Iago dislikes Cassio because he is a Florentine