

Othello:
The Tragedy of the Moor of Venice

Motif

A motif is . . .

a recurrent image, word, object, phrase, or action that unifies the work and highlights significant ideas and themes

Motif in *Othello*:

1. animals, creatures
2. battle, war, fighting, military
3. black, white, darkness, light
4. demons, devils, monsters, hideousness
5. civilization, savagery
6. honesty, dishonesty, deception, spying
7. money, value, theft
8. naturalness, unnaturalness
9. purity, immorality, adultery, reputation, honor
10. webs, entrapment, entanglement
11. witchcraft, magic