RAISING ACHIEVEMENT · THE TEMPEST · DRILL 1

This island’s mine

Caliban

Today: how Shakespeare presents Caliban as a victim of Prospero’s rule

25 minutes

Do Now

Know

1. What is a possessive pronoun? Give one example.
2. Who was Sycorax?
3. For how many years have Prospero and Miranda lived on the island?
4. What does AO2 ask you to comment on?
5. What is a thesis?

Do Now: answers

Know

1. What is a possessive pronoun? Give one example.
   A word that shows who owns something, such as mine, my or your.

2. Who was Sycorax?
   Caliban's mother, a witch who was left on the island by sailors and died before the play begins.

3. For how many years have Prospero and Miranda lived on the island?
   Twelve.

4. What does AO2 ask you to comment on?
   The writer's methods: language, form and structure.

5. What is a thesis?
   One sentence that answers the question with an argument.

Focus reminder

Know

What a plan for The Tempest question looks like

Thesis first: one sentence that answers the question with an idea, not a retelling.

Three points: one from the extract, two from other moments in the play.

Each point gets a short quotation and the method Shakespeare uses.

Add context: one line on the Sea Venture wreck of 1609 and the new colony in Virginia.

Caliban answers Prospero’s threat (1 of 3)

Read

William Shakespeare · 1611 · Act 1 Scene 2

CALIBAN.
As wicked dew as e’er my mother brush’d
With raven’s feather from unwholesome fen
Drop on you both! a south-west blow on ye
And blister you all o’er!
PROSPERO.
For this, be sure, to-night thou shalt have cramps,
Side-stitches that shall pen thy breath up; urchins
Shall, for that vast of night that they may work,
All exercise on thee; thou shalt be pinch’d