

The Tempest Home Learning

Worksheet 2: magic, power and fairness

Instructions: Work through the tasks in order. Use full sentences where you can. You do not need to print this worksheet - you can write your answers on paper or type them.

Starter: True or false?

Write T for true or F for false. Correct one false statement if you can.

- Prospero has magical powers.
- Miranda is Prospero's sister.
- Ariel works for Prospero and wants freedom.
- Caliban is happy that Prospero controls the island.
- Antonio betrayed Prospero in the past.
- The island is an important setting in the play.

Task 1: Who has power?

Complete the final column. You can write yes, no or partly, but try to explain your answer.

Character	What power do they have?	Do they seem fair?
Prospero	Magic, knowledge and control of the island.	
Ariel	Magical skill and speed, but not full freedom.	
Caliban	Knowledge of the island, but little control.	
Miranda	Kindness and honesty, but little power.	

Task 2: Quote match

Draw lines to match each quotation to what it shows. Then circle the quotation you think is most interesting.

Quotation	What it shows
"Be collected. No more amazement."	Prospero tells Miranda to stay calm.
"I have done nothing but in care of thee."	Prospero says he is trying to protect Miranda.
"All hail, great master!"	Ariel speaks to Prospero like a servant.
"This island's mine."	Caliban believes the island belongs to him.
"You taught me language."	Caliban says Prospero and Miranda taught him to speak.

Task 3: Think like a judge

This play makes us think about fairness. Complete the table with simple reasons.

Viewpoint	One reason to support this viewpoint
Prospero is fair because...	
Prospero is unfair because...	
Ariel deserves freedom because...	
Caliban is angry because...	

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Worksheet 2, page 2: opinion writing

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Task 4: Build your opinion

Question: Is Prospero a good leader?

Tick the opinion you agree with most:

Yes, Prospero is mostly a good leader.

No, Prospero is mostly unfair.

Prospero is complicated because he does both good and bad things.

Now finish these sentences:

I think Prospero is _____ because _____.

One character who might disagree is _____ because _____.

Task 5: Write one PEEL paragraph

Question: How does Shakespeare present power in *The Tempest*?

Use these sentence starters to help you:

Point: Shakespeare presents power as...

Evidence: One example is when...

Explain: This shows power because...

Link: This is important because the play explores...
