

Topic 4: Sample question for my sample paper:

Some people argue that we should feel pity and/or compassion towards flawed characters. Others argue that if people do wrong by others, we should be strict and harsh with our judgements and not worry about compassion.

What do you think? How can the plays we've read help us to respond in appropriate ways to flawed individuals we encounter in literary stories and/or in our actual lives?

Respond to this question carefully and thoughtfully. Articulate your views in a nicely thought-out thesis statement, and then let that thesis statement structure the whole paper.

This is not a research paper. I want you to base your considerations from the plays we've read and our in-class lecture and discussions, as well from relevant personal experience. You're welcome to quote from my lectures.