The Tragical History of the Life And Death of Doctor Faustus by Christopher Marlowe

Creative Writing

- 1. Rewrite the ending of the play, giving Faustus a speech in which he repents and saves himself. Follow Marlowe's blank verse style.
- 2. Write a soliloquy for Wagner to speak after Faustus's death. He must remain a fool, but he should now be a wise fool who has perhaps learned from the errors of Faustus.
- 3. Write a modern short story based on the Faustus legend. Be sure that you make the bargains, the uses of power, the temptations, and so on, appropriate for a modern Faust us.
- 4. Imagine that you are Faustus. Write a letter seeking advice in "Dear Abby" style. Then answer that letter.
- 5. Assume that Faustus can speak from the after-life. What advice would he have for his readers? Write that advice.
- 6. Write a dialogue between Everyman and Doctor Faustus.
- 7. Prepare an illustrated chart of the fall of Faustus. Be specific by showing each of his temptations and chances for salvation throughout the play.
- 8. Select a scene from the play and illustrate it.
- 9. Write an imaginary conversation between your Good Angel and your Bad Angel.
- 10. Select outstanding examples of "Marlowe's Mighty Line" and prepare a poster which illustrates those mighty lines graphically. Be able to justify your selection of lines.
- 11. Write a dramatic monologue assuming the persona of Mephistopheles. Place him at the dramatic situation wherein he initially tempts Faustus.
- 12. Write and design the contract Faustus signed with Lucifer. Use legalistic language. Do not merely copy what is already given in the play.
- 13.If you had been Faustus, how would you have better used your time and power?