

CHARACTER LOCK IN Extension Questions



After watching [Character Lock In](#) featuring [Noma Dumezweni](#), why not try and answer the following extension questions. There are no right or wrong answers; they are designed to inform you of aspects of the character's personality and offer insights into playing Shakespeare's Cleopatra.

EXTENSION QUESTIONS:

- 1) Describe why a safe space is important for an actor.
- 2) What is a ghost light and why are they used?
- 3) Describe the value that younger performers can get from watching other cast members on stage.



- 4) “Be the change you want to be.”
What does Noma mean by this?
 - 5) Make a list of all the words/phrases that Noma uses to describe Cleopatra and why she is drawn to her.
 - 6) “I am here and you will know me.”
How does Noma’s comment relate to the character of Cleopatra?
 - 7) How does Cleopatra operate as a woman in a man’s world?
 - 8) Shakespeare’s Cleopatra is a fusion of fact and fiction. If she were alive today who might she be similar to?
 - 9) Describe how the encounter between Cleopatra and *A Streetcar Named Desire*’s Stanley Kowalski might play out.
 - 10) If a similar character were written by either Lorraine Hansberry, Phoebe Waller-Bridge or Michaela Coel, describe a scenario that they might find themselves in and explain why you have chosen this.
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