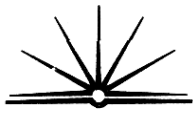


Power is around us everyday, in everything we do powerplay is evident, as is peoples misuse of power, manipulation, deception & political intrigue are all forms of powerplay that we face in society today, people faced in society yesterday & people will face in the future.

Through the texts 'Julius Caesar' by William Shakespeare, the film 'Once Were Warriors' & the song 'Media' by the John Butler trio, an understanding of powerplay & how it is used in society has been shaped. The events, personalities & situations that come across in all three of these texts have shaped my understanding of power in all its forms & what it can do to people.

In the text 'Julius Caesar', political intrigue & manipulation are the forms of



power in this text, the shape the meaning of the text and the storyline.

This text is based upon power & power alone. We read ~~the~~ about the death/murder of an innocent man & leader by a group of people corrupted by power, the character Brutus states that "as he was ~~so~~ ambitious I slew him", he is saying that Caesar was too ambitious for the good of Rome & that he must be ~~at~~ death with, this is ironic because in actual fact it was because of the group of conspirators own ambition that they slew him.

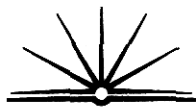
Political intrigue & manipulation come across in the speeches made by Mark Antony, he successfully manipulates the audience ~~by~~ into thinking that he is not trying to sway their opinion & that he is only here because of his love for his murdered leader, when in actual fact his intention from the



effect of his speech was to convince the audience of the tragedy that has taken place; He says things like "friends Romans countrymen lend me your ears" he immediately pleads to the crowd & tries to get them to listen, he repeatedly states that Brutus is an "honorable man", ~~that~~ but you can tell by the sarcastic tone that he thinks otherwise.

Julius Caesar is a play that demonstrates power throughout, the events like the murder of Caesar, the personalities of Brutus & Antony & the situation that they are in combine to create this play & shape its meaning.

The ~~text~~ song 'Medici' by 'The John Butler trio' talks about how the world everyday is manipulated & deceived it talks about how the medicine control our lives



⊕ tell us only what ~~we~~ they think we need to know to try to make us form a biased opinion on certain things. The song says

"how are we to make sense of these turbulent times when all they do is censor our minds"

this quote is saying that it is hard enough to form an opinion in this world where everyone is telling you your opinion is wrong, that it is even harder when we are not actually getting all the facts, we are only being told what they want us to believe this comes across in this quote from the song.

"What you watch

What you read

What you perceive is to be truth
the media have vested interests

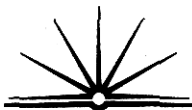
so what you believe is up to you"

This song tells about the most effective

form of powerplay that is the media. We are controlled by them & we listen to them & they manipulate & decide us.

The film 'Once Were Warriors' is a very powerful film that deals with power in a very confronting way, it shows abuse, ~~both~~ physical & sexual & emotional abuse of characters & how this affects their lives.

Jake Heke is a loving man who has no control over his temper. His family get trapped in the idea that they just have to put up with the abuse but that Jake still loves them, it is not until the climax of the movie, where Grace Heke, Jake's daughter hangs herself because she was raped by her uncle that the mother Beth Heke realises that she has to get out of the situation where she is being over powered she says "no more Jake"



"I'm not going to let you hurt us anymore".

This text is very confronting & it helped shape my understanding of the effect that power can have on people, through the events of this film an understanding of the nature of powerplay has come about.

All these three texts through there different mediums & the events personalities & situations that occur help shape not only an understanding of powerplay but also the text themselves & the way in which power can damage people.