

Themes, motifs, symbols etc

Below are some of the themes, motifs, symbols, ideas and issues that are often discussed in relation to the play. As you study the text see if you can identify these within it and consider which you think are particularly important:

Betrayal
Fire
Windows/Looking
Clothes
Hair
Courage/Cowardice
Piano/Music
Writing/the manuscript
Deceit
Truth/Honesty
Pistols
Responsibility/Domesticity
Property
Roles (such as wife, husband, mother, father, aunt)
The portrait of the General
The past
The future
Wealth
Victim
Family