

To what extent do you agree with these statements?

‘Middleton is concerned not so much with the complexities of human characteristics as with the nature of evil in the world.’

Irving Ribner; *Jacobean Tragedy*; 1962

‘It is the tragedy of the not naturally bad but irresponsible and undeveloped nature, caught in the consequences of its own action.’

TS Eliot; *Elizabethan Dramatists*; 1963

Give evidence from the text to back up your points....