



The Tempest

Power Shifts, Past and Future

Complete the chart to identify power relationships in Acts 1 and 2 of *The Tempest* and to predict how those relationships will develop later in the play.

In column 1: Find and read the lines in context.

In column 2: Respond to the question by writing a short analysis of each scene.

In column 3: Respond to the question to predict what will happen later in the play.

Scene	Analysis Question	Prediction Question
A tempest strikes a ship that carries a king. (No Fear: 1.1)	What forces have power over the passengers on the ship? <i>Forces of wind, waves, and lightning, all brought on by Prospero's magic spells, affect the passengers.</i>	What powers will control the passengers and crew after their shipwreck? <i>The passengers and crew will be controlled by the magic spells of Prospero and Ariel, Prospero's attendant spirit.</i>
Prospero tells Miranda their family history. Ferdinand and Miranda meet. (No Fear: 1.2.22–186, 1.2.402–422)	What is the present power structure among Alonso, Antonio, Ferdinand, Sebastian, and Prospero?	How will Prospero's magic change the power structure?

Prospero and Ariel debate Ariel's freedom. (No Fear: 1.2.242–305)	How did Prospero gain control over Ariel?	What further magic will Ariel perform in order to gain his freedom?
Prospero and Miranda visit Caliban. (No Fear: 1.2.320–376)	Why has Prospero enslaved Caliban?	How will Caliban seek revenge against Prospero?
Gonzalo imagines himself as the ruler of Prospero's island. (No Fear: 2.1.138–180)	What are some features of Gonzalo's ideal society?	What kind of society will prevail at the end of the play?