

Shakespeare Behind Bars-Worksheet.

With this film, we examine the documentary form while using our knowledge of *The Tempest*. The class packet includes an article on using Shakespeare in the prisons.

1. Think about the decision of the producer to show birds sitting and flying in this documentary. What do the birds sitting on the prison barbwire *symbolize* in this documentary? When examining symbolic images, be sure to consider the film's *theme*. (By the way, those are **not** crows. They might be starlings.)
2. What types of crimes have the prisoners at Luther Luckett prison committed?
murder, selling drugs
3. A. Where is the prison located? *Kintucky*
B. How long a prison term might the inmates serve?
25 years
4. How is a prison like an island? What is meant by the statement that some people have more "powers" than others? Clarify and expand upon this statement made in the documentary.
5. What sort of surveillance do we see demonstrated at the prison?