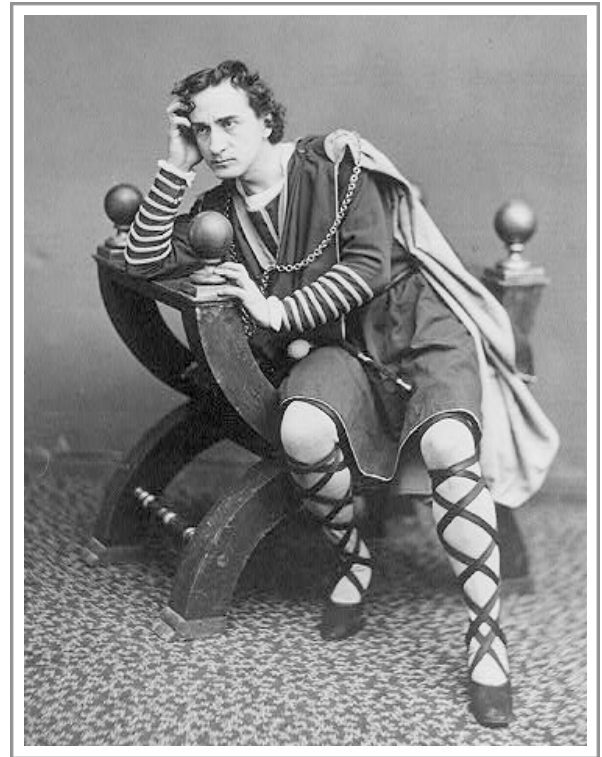


Greek Influence

Assignment 20

- Write your descriptive narrative and hand it in this coming Friday.
- Judge what you think to be the best tragic plot.
- The picture on this assignment page is of the 19th-century American actor Edwin Booth playing the character Hamlet. Edwin Booth was the brother of John Wilkes Booth, who assassinated President Lincoln. We will be starting Hamlet in one week.



Long Range Assignment

- You will be taking an essay test on *The Mayor of Casterbridge* on the last Friday in February. You can write about any of the topics suggested by the class discussion questions, such as how 1) Hardy uses Farfrae as a foil character to Henchard 2) Henchard is portrayed as a fated tragic hero 3) Hardy contrasts the past with the present using the various customs described and the setting to underscore his tragic themes 4) The Mayor of Casterbridge mirrors many of the characteristics found in Sophocles' Oedipus Rex, including the protagonist as a tragic hero, the plot line, the tragic ending, as well as the very concluding words. This coming Friday we will discuss the essay at great length. Also be ready to discuss how *The Mayor of Casterbridge* follows Aristotle's description of tragedy.
- Speech Night will be on Friday, May 24, 2024 at 6:30. You will be choosing any of the narratives you have written thus far. You will also be writing a dramatic monolog on *Hamlet* from one of the works that we have read and a persuasive essay, both of which may also be chosen.