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Ariel and Caliban are the characters that are represented in Shakespeare’s play “Tempest”. Both characters have certain common and certain uncommon characteristics with regard to each other. They have a vital role towards the main character Prospero.

Ariel and Caliban are different in appearance. Ariel is a delicate and refined sylph made up of the elements of air and fire. On the other hand, Caliban is a monster who is part human and part fish. Ariel is the head of the air spirits while Caliban is a monster thriving on lust, ignorance, and pride. Ariel belongs to the elements that belong to the higher order. On the contrary, Caliban belongs to the elements that are in the class of the lower order.

There are certain common features among the two as well. Both of the creatures are elemental beings. There are no moral values or conscience in either of the two. Both are the servants of Prospero and serve him in different ways. They mainly resemble in their origins while not in their actions.

There is a considerable difference in both the characters regarding their role towards Prospero. Ariel shows moodiness sometimes but overall loves Prospero and always lends a helping hand to him. This is in contrast to the behavior the Caliban shows towards him. Caliban hates Prospero and thinks that he illegally took the position he is in. He obeys his orders but tries best in harming Prospero and even plans to kill him.

In spite of there being certain elements of similarity between the two characters, they are on the opposite ends of the spectrum when it comes to their general behavior and mental makeup. This is clearly evident in the attitude, shown by both, towards their master, Prospero. Ariel stands for nobility while Caliban is all towards wickedness (William).

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