

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT CURRICULUM GUIDE TO THE WINTER'S TALE

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THE WINTER'S TALE

Dear Colleagues,

Somewhere along the line, most of my students and probably most of yours have heard about William Shakespeare. Maybe they saw the film *Shakespeare in Love* or heard an answer on *Jeopardy*, but somehow, along with the ozone, they've breathed in that name: Shakespeare. In fact, to many kids Shakespeare is "sposed to be" a part of high-school education, and they expect to read one of his works. If we don't give them that exposure, they feel vaguely cheated or assume we think they're incompetent to meet the challenge of something important.

But when that anticipated moment comes and the teenage eye actually meets the Shakespearean page, then, unfortunately, that early interest too often is followed by . . . "Huh? What is this? Why are we reading this?"

The faces of the bored and defiant can make the best of us dread going into the classroom. It's happened to me, and maybe it's happened to you, but it doesn't have to be that way. Incredibly, teaching Shakespeare can actually invigorate both your class and you. . . . You have an intimate knowledge of your teaching style and of the workings of your class. Use that knowledge to select the exercises [from this packet] that you think will provoke excitement, enhance learning, and help ease your students past the language barrier and into the wonder of the play.

Here's to the magic in the play and to the magic in your classroom.

Judith Elstein

Adapted from Shakespeare Set Free: Teaching Romeo and Juliet, Macbeth, and A Midsummer Night's Dream

Each of the five lesson plans in this packet includes:

- Step-by-step instructions
- · Materials needed
- Standards covered
- Questions students should be able to answer when the lesson is over
- Suggested related lesson plans with directions on how to find them on the Folger Web site.

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Curriculum Plan #1:

"Mingling Bloods": Friendship in *The Winter's Tale*(A Lesson in Character Relationships) Developed by Damien Bariexca and Karen Richardson

In this lesson, students will identify different types of friendships in *The Winter's Tale* and examine how each relationship contributes to the action of the play. After understanding the important role friendship plays in *The Winter's Tale* and distinguishing between the various types of relationships, students will be able to consider how their own friendships influence their decisions in life.

This lesson should take approximately 90 minutes.

NCTE Standards Covered

- 3. Students apply a wide range of strategies to comprehend, interpret, evaluate, and appreciate texts. They draw on their prior experience, their interactions with other readers and writers, their knowledge of word meaning and of other texts, their word identification strategies, and their understanding of textual features (e.g., sound-letter correspondence, sentence structure, context, graphics).
- 11. Students participate as knowledgeable, reflective, creative, and critical members of a variety of literacy communities.
- 12. Students use spoken, written, and visual language to accomplish their own purposes (e.g., for learning, enjoyment, persuasion, and the exchange of information).

- 1. As a pre-writing activity, have students reflect on their closest friendships: How did they meet? Why did they stay friends? How has the friendship changed over the years? After 10-15 minutes, ask students to share their writing and to note similarities among their experiences.
- 2. Reread *The Winter's Tale* 1.2.1-138, wherein Hermione and Leontes persuade Polixenes to stay in Sicilia. Ask your students why they are so eager for him to stay. Discuss the history that exists between Polixenes and Leontes.
- 3. Students will likely observe that Leontes and Polixenes were childhood friends. At this point, you can steer the discussion toward other groups of friends that exist in *The Winter's Tale*, such as Hermione and Paulina, Florizell and Camillo, Camillo and Leontes, Florizell and Perdita and, possibly, the clown and Autolycus.
- 4. Split your class into five groups. Assign one group of friends from the play to each group. Have each group answer the following questions:

What is the nature of this friendship: How did it start, or where do we see it develop? How has it changed over the course of the play?

Which other characters are affected by this relationship? In what way?

How would the action of the play be different if these characters were not friends? As always, cite textual evidence in answers.

- 5. Ask each group to create a scrapbook, containing both textual and visual elements, from the perspective of one of their assigned characters. The scrapbook should illustrate the answers to the above questions.
- 6. Reconvene as a class and have each group share its scrapbook. Discuss each group's answers to the above questions. Then, based on what they've learned from the scrapbooks, ask students what conclusions they can draw about the role of friendship in the play and the play's attitude toward friendship.
- 7. Finally, ask students to draw parallels between the relationships of the characters in the play and their own relationships, for which they should have already noted common threads (see Step 1). This drives home the point that Shakespeare was indeed "not of an age, but for all time."

What You Need:

- Art supplies (oaktag, magazines for pictures, pens, pencils, markers, glue, scissors, etc.)
- Folger Shakespeare Library edition of *The Winter's Tale* (ISBN 0-7434-8489-4, \$4.99)

How Did It Go?

Did students cite appropriate amounts of text in their answers? Did their answers and projects accurately reflect the development of relationships in the play? Were the projects creative and engaging? Did all students participate?

If You And Your Class Enjoyed This Curriculum Plan, You'll Want To Try:

"Mars vs. Venus in Renaissance England: Women and Men in *The Winter's Tale*." This assignment examines the conflict between Leontes and Hermione, as well as gender roles in early 17th century England.

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- 3. In the menu that appears, choose "Resources for Teachers" and then "Teaching Shakespeare."
- 4. Click on "Archives."

- 5. Click on "Lesson Plan Archives."
- 6. Scroll down until you get to "The Winter's Tale."
 7. Choose the lesson plan listed above or browse the other titles for more classroom ideas.

Curriculum Plan #2:

"Strike a Pose:" Music and Vogueing in *The Winter's Tale*(A Lesson in Interpretation) Developed by Annmarie Kelly Harbaugh

In this lesson, students will reduce Act 3 into lines, images and songs that will help them navigate the many moods of *The Winter's Tale* in this lynchpin act. The lesson culminates in a performance for the class. It works best after students have read the act and spent some time discussing it.

This lesson takes two class periods.

NCTE Standards Covered:

- 1. Students read a wide range of print and nonprint texts to build an understanding of texts, of themselves, and of the cultures of the United States and the world; to acquire new information; to respond to the needs and demands of society and the workplace; and for personal fulfillment. Among these texts are fiction and nonfiction, classic and contemporary works.
- 3. Students apply a wide range of strategies to comprehend, interpret, evaluate, and appreciate texts. They draw on their prior experience, their interactions with other readers and writers, their knowledge of word meaning and of other texts, their word identification strategies, and their understanding of textual features (e.g., sound-letter correspondence, sentence structure, context, graphics).
- 12. Students use spoken, written, and visual language to accomplish their own purposes (e.g., for learning, enjoyment, persuasion, and the exchange of information).

- 1. Divide students into groups of 3-4.
- 2. Ask each group to select one line from 3.1 that they feel is representative of the essence of the entire scene.
- 3. Next, ask each group to strike a pose (the Folger Shakespeare Library's *Shakespeare Set Free* series calls these "tableaux") that best depicts the characters in 3.1.
- 4. Finally, ask each group to think of a 5-10 second snippet of a song that would best mirror or enhance the mood of the scene. Encourage students to think about genres of music outside of pop or rap, though these could certainly be used if appropriate.
- 5. Have students write down their choices, along with a 2-3 sentence rationale for their choice. For example: "We chose Enya music because it is so sad, and yet prayerful.

Cleomenes and Dion are weary from their journey, but hoping that Hermione will be saved by the gods."

- 6. Have students repeat steps 2 through 5 for 3.2 and 3.3.
- 7. For homework, ask groups to bring their music to class the next day. They might burn a CD, bring in CDs or cued cassettes, or just hum or sing the song, as appropriate.
- 8. The next day, give each group a few minutes to check their music and review their lines and poses. Students without music will need to sing or hum their accompaniments.
- 9. Have each group perform their three scenes for the class: reading the lines, striking their poses, and holding them for the 5-10 seconds of the music.
- 10. When all the groups have performed, discuss the choices the groups made. Encourage students to talk about how the poses, lines or music impacted their understanding of the scenes, not simply which music they enjoyed.

What You Need:

- Audio equipment as you see fit
- Folger Shakespeare Library edition of *The Winter's Tale* (ISBN 0-7434-8489-4, \$4.99)

How Did It Go?

Were students arguing whether Britney Spears or Madonna would provide a good backdrop for Paulina? Did one or two students stand up for the Bard to say; "N-Sync just doesn't fit Bohemia. Bohemia is way more heavy metal. I mean, c'mon, bears eat people there." Were students excited by the idea of puzzling through scenes using music? Did they use the text to justify their choices?

If You And Your Class Enjoyed This Curriculum Plan, You'll Want To Try:

"<u>'I Will Hear That Play': Using Sound to Enhance the Text</u>." This exercise demonstrates the importance of the audio component of performance, in addition to the purely visual aspect of plays.

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- 6. Scroll down until you get to "Interactive Media Lessons."7. Choose the lesson plan listed above or browse the other titles for more classroom ideas.

Curriculum Plan #3:

Fools Following the Fools (A Lesson in Historical/Modern Comparison) Developed by Shade Gomez

Using a primary source and dramatic reading, the class will explore the qualities of fools, both as depicted in *The Winter's Tale* and as described in *Foole upon Foole*. Students will apply Robert Armin's categories to the fools in Act 4 of *The Winter's Tale*, which will permit them to further visualize the characters in the play.

NCTE Standards Covered:

- 1. Students read a wide range of print and nonprint texts to build an understanding of texts, of themselves, and of the cultures of the United States and the world; to acquire new information; to respond to the needs and demands of society and the workplace; and for personal fulfillment. Among these texts are fiction and nonfiction, classic and contemporary works.
- 2. Students read a wide range of literature from many periods in many genres to build an understanding of the many dimensions (e.g., philosophical, ethical, aesthetic) of human experience.
- 3. Students apply a wide range of strategies to comprehend, interpret, evaluate, and appreciate texts. They draw on their prior experience, their interactions with other readers and writers, their knowledge of word meaning and of other texts, their word identification strategies, and their understanding of textual features (e.g., sound-letter correspondence, sentence structure, context, graphics).
- 4. Students adjust their use of spoken, written, and visual language (e.g., conventions, style, vocabulary) to communicate effectively with a variety of audiences and for different purposes.
- 5. Students employ a wide range of strategies as they write and use different writing process elements appropriately to communicate with different audiences for a variety of purposes.
- 9. Students develop an understanding of and respect for diversity in language use, patterns, and dialects across cultures, ethnic groups, geographic regions, and social roles.
- 12. Students use spoken, written, and visual language to accomplish their own purposes (e.g., for learning, enjoyment, persuasion, and the exchange of information).

What To Do:

- 1. Have the students summarize lines 1-51 in Act 4, Scene 3 of *The Winter's Tale* and then brainstorm everything known about the two characters in the scene.
- 2. Ask the students to read 3.4.52-133 aloud, changing speakers after each character's lines, so that everyone in the class has a chance to read. Tell the students that each person must portray the character differently than the last person reading. The more ridiculously the character is played, the better.
- 3. Discuss as a class the different types of "fool" voices people chose.
- 4. Now, ask the students to read through the scene once again, this time with each reader altering the volume at which the lines are spoken. Discuss as a class how volume affects the way the character is perceived.
- 5. Hand out copies of the primary source (attached) describing a variety of fools. Explain to the students that *Foole upon Foole* was a book written by Robert Armin, the second of Shakespeare's fool/clown actors.
- 6. Have the students read the "rime" at the top of the page and discuss the difference between a "naturall foole" and an "artificiall foole." Ask the students to identify which type of fool Autolycus and the Shepherd's Son are. Be sure to have them defend their answers with the text.
- 7. For homework, have the students write a brief essay describing the types of fools that exist in today's plays and movies. They should provide specific examples and refer back to *Foole upon Foole* and *The Winter's Tale* to support their arguments.

What You Need:

- Primary Source handout from *Foole upon Foole* (attached)
- Folger Shakespeare Library edition of *The Winter's Tale* (ISBN 0-7434-8489-4, \$4.99)

How Did It Go?

Do students understand how fools were classified in Shakespeare's day? Are they able to relate the characters of Autolycus and Shepherd's Son to these classifications? After trying different styles themselves, are they aware of how an actor could play the different types of fools? Do they have a better understanding of what is happening in this scene of the play?

If You And Your Class Enjoyed This Curriculum Plan, You'll Want To Try:

"Not Much Unlike Stageplayers." This exercise encourages students to think about body movement as an expression of character.

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- 5. Click on "Lesson Plan Archives."
- 6. Scroll down until you get to "General Lessons."
- 7. Choose the lesson plan listed above or browse the other titles for more classroom ideas.

Curriculum Plan #4:

Journalistic Fact or Fiction: Back from the Dead in *The Winter's Tale*(A Lesson in Language) Developed by Karen Richardson

In this lesson students will learn to distinguish between the descriptive words used in legitimate journalism and those used in tabloid journalism. Then, they will write their own legitimate and tabloid articles about the plot of *The Winter's Tale*.

This lesson will take 2 class periods.

NCTE Standards Covered:

- 2. Students read a wide range of literature from many periods in many genres to build an understanding of the many dimensions (e.g., philosophical, ethical, aesthetic) of human experience.
- 3. Students apply a wide range of strategies to comprehend, interpret, evaluate, and appreciate texts. They draw on their prior experience, their interactions with other readers and writers, their knowledge of word meaning and of other texts, their word identification strategies, and their understanding of textual features (e.g., sound-letter correspondence, sentence structure, context, graphics).
- 4. Students adjust their use of spoken, written, and visual language (e.g., conventions, style, vocabulary) to communicate effectively with a variety of audiences and for different purposes.
- 5. Students employ a wide range of strategies as they write and use different writing process elements appropriately to communicate with different audiences for a variety of purposes.
- 6. Students apply knowledge of language structure, language conventions (e.g., spelling and punctuation), media techniques, figurative language, and genre to create, critique, and discuss print and nonprint texts.

- 1. Before class, place 5-10 regular newspaper articles in envelopes marked "A" and 5-10 tabloid articles in envelopes marked "B".
- 2. Introduce the unit by discussing the distinguishing features of journalistic writing. How does it differ from other forms of writing? What lends a newspaper article credibility?
- 3. Divide the class into small groups and distribute an "A" envelope to each group.

- 4. Have the students read their assigned article with their group, underlining all of the descriptive words. Then, have them write brief paragraphs about why they would or would not be inclined to believe the article based on its word choice.
- 5. Together as a class, write some of the descriptive words the students found on the board and have the students share their writing.
- 6. Repeat the same process for the envelopes marked "B".
- 7. Once you have added the list of descriptive words from the tabloid articles to the board, discuss as a class the differences between the two lists.
- 8. Now, ask the students to read Act Five, Scene 3 of *The Winter's Tale*. Have them return to their groups and write two articles—one for a regular newspaper and one for a tabloid—about what happens in the scene. They should refer back to the lists of descriptive words as they write.
- 9. Have the students share their articles with the class. You may even want to compile them into a class newspaper.

What You Need:

- 5-10 articles from a newspaper
- 5-10 articles from a tabloid
- 10-20 envelopes (1 for each article)
- Folger Shakespeare Library edition of *The Winter's Tale* (ISBN 0-7434-8489-4, \$4.99)

How Did It Go?

Could the students identify the differences between the words used in news and tabloid articles? Were they able to follow the models in composing their own pieces? Did they better understand the drama of the scene after writing their articles?

If You And Your Class Enjoyed This Curriculum Plan, You'll Want To Try:

"Why is Leontes Jealous? Finding a Cause in *The Winter's Tale*." Students brainstorm different interpretations of Leontes' sudden jealousy and mistrust of his wife.

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 7. Choose the lesson plan listed above or browse the other titles for more classroom ideas.

Curriculum Plan #5:

Trait Talk: Personalities in *The Winter's Tale*(A Lesson in Character Analysis) Developed by Karen Behm

Class discussions about characters can be an exercise in generalities and vagueness for many students. In this lesson, students will work together in groups to discover characters' personality traits, learn vocabulary to describe them, and find evidence in the text to support their conclusions.

This lesson will take one to two class periods.

NCTE Standards Covered:

- 3. Students apply a wide range of strategies to comprehend, interpret, evaluate, and appreciate texts. They draw on their prior experience, their interactions with other readers and writers, their knowledge of word meaning and of other texts, their word identification strategies, and their understanding of textual features (e.g., sound-letter correspondence, sentence structure, context, graphics).
- 7. Students conduct research on issues and interests by generating ideas and by posing problems. They gather, evaluate, and synthesize data from a variety of sources (e.g., print and nonprint texts, artifacts, people) to communicate their discoveries in ways that suit their purpose and audience.

- 1. Break students into groups of three or four.
- 2. Give students the attached handout and have them look up any vocabulary words they don't already know.
- 3. In their groups, have students select two personality traits to describe each character. Encourage debate and discussion, but set a time limit of fifteen minutes to keep students on task.
- 4. Have each student pick one to three characters and look through the text to find a supporting quotation or passage for each of the personality traits they have designated.
- 5. Give the groups time to discuss their findings and prepare to present their evidence to the rest of the class.
- 6. In their presentations, have one person from each group write act-scene-line numbers on the board while another discusses the group's findings. Encourage students to see when the same quotes are used in different instances, and discuss why.

7. As a conclusion, discuss the different ways readers and audiences can learn about a character's personality.

What You Need:

- "Describing the Characters" handout (attached)
- Folger Shakespeare Library edition of *The Winter's Tale* (ISBN 0-7434-8489-4, \$4.99)

How Did It Go?

Were the students able to describe the characters using appropriate personality traits? Were they able to find good supporting evidence in the text? Did they make convincing arguments to the class? Did they participate well in their groups? Did they discover different ways that Shakespeare presents personality traits?

If You And Your Class Enjoyed This Curriculum Plan, You'll Want To Try:

"A Boxful of Character." Students will create "life boxes" filled with everyday items relating to individual characters in the play.

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King Lear (ISBN: 0-7432-8276-X)

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Handout for Fools Following the Fools

A flat Foole.

ole. Good Bulicke or broken conforts they agric well together but when they were well they were contented for their paties they had both money and the Unights favour. Here you have heart the difference twert a flat foole naturall, and a flat foole artificiall, one that had his kinde, and the other who foolibly followed his owner minde: on which two is written this rime.

Natural fooles are prone to felfe conseit,
Fooles artificiall, with their wits lay waite
To make themselves sooles, likeing the disgusses,
To feede their owne mindes and the gazers eyes.
He that attemps daunger and is free,
Hurting himselfe, being well cannot see:
Must with the Fiddler heere weare the sooles coates
And bide his pennance sign'd him by Iacke Oates.
All such say I that we flat soolery,
Beate this, beare more, this stat sooles company.

How lacke Outes ease up a Quince Pyc being of choyse prouided for Sir William.

T Acke Oates could never abibe the cooke, by reason that he woult fealde bim out of the Mitchin: bpon atime be had a great charge I from his Lady to make hera Duince Pye of purpole to; Sie Williamsowneeding, which the Coke endenoused to doe, and fent to Lincolne of purpole to the Apothecartes for choise quinces: lacke being at this charge given , thought to be even with the cooke, and waited the time when this Dre was made: it happed fo the coke could get no Dainces, my Lady (for it was the lanights defire to have one) fent about to botton, and all the chiefe townes, but all in vaine, the leason served not: but rather then fir William Mould be unfurnished, sent to Lincolne agains to buy by many Duinces ready preferued at Pothecaries, which the had though with great coff. The knight alking his Lady for his Wpe. the told him with much adm the had prevailed, but with no little paines in ficking Duinces, for the was faine to buy them ready preferred. and to make a vertue of necessity that way. Sir William feeing it wasto, faid it mould be as well eaten, and fent for his freinds. Gentlemen , and others of no fmall account . There was other great chere proutoed to furnish by this fumptuous feat, and

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Handout for Trait Talk

Personalities in *The Winter's Tale*

Letters can be used more than once, so each character should be assigned TWO personality traits. Please look up any unfamiliar words!

Leontes	a.	brazen
Hermione		heartbroken
	c.	
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	a.	represents change
 Florizell	e.	uncontrollable
 Camillo	f.	irrational
 Antigonus	g.	represents renewal
 Paulina	h.	destructive
 Shepherd	i.	innocent
 Shepherd's Son	j.	nurturing
 Autolycus	k.	indulgent
	1.	witty
	m.	charming
	n.	virtuous
	0.	represents healing
	p.	gentle
	q.	unassertive
	r.	indecisive
	s.	intensely passionate