

## Worksheet 2 – Performance

### Review: Lecture 1 – Comedy

In the previous lecture of the unit, Dr. Duncan discussed different features of Shakespearean comedy.

1. Based on what you learnt in the last lecture, list 3 typical features of Shakespearean comedy.

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### Recall: Lecture 2 - Performance

**Answer these questions after watching the video lecture to check how much you remember.**

1. The first recorded reference to a performance of *Twelfth Night* is in the diary of a law student, *John Manningham*. When did he see the play performed at Middle Temple in London?  

a) 2 February 1602	c) 2 February 1612
b) 2 February 1622	d) 2 February 1623
2. What is the name of Barnaby Rich's story from 1581 which is a key source for *Twelfth Night*?  

a) 'Of Apollo and Silla'	c) 'Of Apolonius and Silla'
b) 'Of Apollo and Sillian'	d) 'Of Apolonius and Scilly'
3. During the reign of Queen Elizabeth I, what is the name of the law which dictated the colours and fabrics of people's clothes based on their social rank and wealth?  

a) Sumptuous laws	c) Sumpter laws
b) Sumptuary laws	d) Sumps laws

### Analysis

4. In the lecture [1:03] Dr. Duncan explains that *Twelfth Night* is ideally suited for performance in a range of venues because of its simple staging. All that is needed is a Box-Tree for people to hide behind and somewhere to isolate Malvolio when he is imprisoned in Act 4.

- a) What might be some advantages of only having simple staging for the play?
- b) Dr Duncan states that 'all the necessary props are small and highly portable' in the play and she mentions a letter, a purse and a ring. Think about your knowledge of the play and link each prop to a character in the play.

Challenge: Identify other portable props that are needed by two different characters in the play.

### Evaluation

Directors can choose to present the Box-Tree scene in Act 2 Scene 5, in many different ways. Research some images from past productions of *Twelfth Night*. Design your own staging of Act 2 Scene 5 for a performance and explain your reasons.

### Glossary

- **Eunuch** (noun)– a man who has had his testicles removed usually before puberty
- **Codify** (verb)– to classify something often by laws or rules in a clear or ordered way
- **Widow** (noun) – a woman whose husband has died and who has not remarried
- **Scholar** (noun) – a person who studies an academic subject and knows a lot about it
- **Embodiment** (noun) – represents a quality or an idea exactly