

Much Ado About Nothing



Hero (second from left) and Claudio (right) at the end of *Much Ado About Nothing*

Summary of *Much Ado About Nothing*

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Rosalind, disguised as a man (centre), reading one of Orlando's dreadful poems in *As You Like It*

Summary of *As You Like It*

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Plot summary cards for teacher to cut up before class

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- a. Orlando, a young man who is in love with Rosalind, has also escaped to the forest.
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- b. Claudio is angry with Hero – the woman he is engaged to marry – because he has heard that she has slept with another man. He tells her that he will not marry her.
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- c. Finally, Rosalind reveals her true identity. The lovers are married and the Duke is given his kingdom back.
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- d. Now Claudio is devastated. Hero's father says that Claudio can make up for what he's done by marrying Hero's sister – who is really Hero in disguise.
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- e. Hero is extremely upset as she has done nothing wrong. So Hero's family and friends plan to make Claudio sorry by pretending she has died of a broken heart.
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- f. Rosalind and her father the Duke escape from her evil uncle into the Forest of Arden. To avoid being discovered, Rosalind disguises herself as a young man called Ganymede.
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- g. Hero reveals her true identity at the wedding and the lovers are married.
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- h. Rosalind falls in love with Orlando, but he doesn't know that it is her. He writes childish love poems about her, and sticks them to trees in the forest.
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