



Activities: Key Stage 3

Much Ado About Quite a Lot

To understand how the differences between men and women are shown across the play.

1) Find the article 'Much Ado About Quite a Lot' by Miranda Fay Thomas on the web-site. About half way through the article Miranda identifies one of the key themes of the play as that of male bonding versus female solidarity.

2) Work in pairs or groups of fellow students. Find examples of where the play shows the audience differences between men and women (for example: Act 1 Scene 1; Act 2, Scene 1; Act 2, Scene 3). For each example, choose a quotation which supports what you have found.

3) Create a poster that contains:

- o The quotations you have selected.
- o What these show about the differences between men and women, and why you think this.
- o How your group feels about the differences that Shakespeare presents (e.g. do you agree with them? Why/why not? What affects how you feel about them?)

4) Display or share your work with rest of the class.