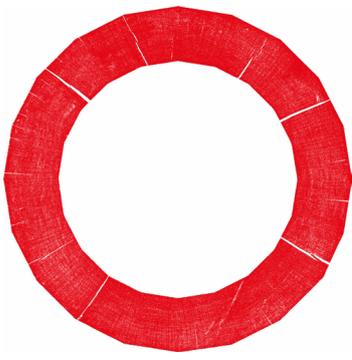


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- 1) Find the Week 3 blog by the assistant director of the play Tom Davey. In his third blog, Tom describes a visit to the rehearsals made by a former soldier in order to help the actors with the way that they should move and behave in the play to convince the audience that they are real soldiers.
- 2) During his visit to the actors, the former soldier Anthony Raine explained what he thought was the most likely military rank of each of the soldiers.
- 3) Work in a small group. What do you know about each of the military ranks that Anthony Raine suggests for each of the characters? Research each rank to see what you can add to your understanding.
- 4) How could the differences in rank explain why Borachio and Don John decide to create the plot to convince Claudio that Don Pedro is trying to win Hero and then decide to create the plan to publicly shame Hero?
- 5) Read the following scenes:
  - a. Act 1 sc3 where Don John reveals his dislike of Claudio and then decides to convince Claudio that Don Pedro is trying to gain Hero for himself;
  - b. Act 2 sc2 where Borachio suggests the plan to ruin Claudio's wedding.
- 6) Next, members of the group should play the plotters and others should interview them as if they were being tried by a military court investigating their actions and the way they almost ruined Hero's life and Claudio's marriage. Decide how effectively each of the plotters is able to explain their actions based on their feelings about Claudio.



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- 7) Create a poster with images of the soldiers taken from the Playing Shakespeare web-site. For each soldier indicate their rank in the army and draw lines to the other images with words to indicate what they feel about each other.
- 8) Tom says that the plot of the play is driven by the differences in rank of the soldiers. Discuss how much you agree that these differences lead to the events which Hero has to suffer.
- 9) Share with other students in the class.