



Activities: Key Stage 4&5

Week 1 Blog

- 1) Find the Week 1 blog by the assistant director of the play Tom Davey. In the blog Tom mentions the role of women in the play and also how events in the modern world influence the way that we receive the play.
- 2) Work in a pair or a group. Discuss the ideas Tom puts forward in the article and how they are reflected in the events of the play.
- 3) What other events in the news today might you add to those Tom suggests? For instance, you might think of the 'Me Too' campaign by leading actresses in Hollywood and how that is echoed by Hero's situation in the play.
- 4) In a 2012 lecture, Dr Emma Smith observed that the whole play of Much Ado About Nothing is structured by male relationships. To what extent do you agree?
- 5) Split your group into pairs in order to debate this: assign who will argue 'for' and who will argue 'against' the statement. Spend some time researching and gathering evidence to support your ideas. Once both sides are prepared, debate the statement between you.
- 6) Who had the most effective or persuasive argument? Why? What evidence did they use? Identify the evidence that was most persuasive and explain why it made you change your mind.