

WS 5: Character Deep Dive: Malvolio, Sir Toby, Sir Andrew, and Fabian

Maria puts her plan into action to trick Malvolio into thinking Olivia wrote him a love letter. Sir Toby, Sir Andrew, and Fabian hide to watch the plan unfold, meanwhile, Malvolio enters. He is fantasizing about his dream to marry Olivia and become powerful when he suddenly finds the letter. Sir Toby and his friends, as well as the audience, bear witness to his reaction.



The Works of Shakespeare; from the text of Johnson, Steevens, and Reed. With a biographical memoir, and a variety of interesting matter, illustrative of his life and writings. By W. Harvey
<https://jenikirbyhistory.getarchive.net/amp/media/twelfth-night-from-the-works-of-shakspeare-from-the-text-of-johnson-steevens-3e082d> (last accessed: 4/7/2023)

1. Get together in groups of four!

2. Have a look at the separate worksheets.

- Divide the work: One person gets one worksheet.
- What character traits can you gather from the provided quotes/lines?
- Write them down on a sheet of paper or in your folder and share your answers with the class.

3. Read Act 2 Scene 5, l. 30-118 in your groups.

- Divide the different parts in your group: Who plays who?
- Tipp: Stick to the character you worked on in task 2.

4. Shakespeare gave this comedic scene only one stage direction: "Olivia's garden". Stage this scene. The following questions can help you get started:

- Where do Sir Toby and his friends hide?
- Do they move? If so, when?
- How do they behave? Or are they playful or serious about hiding?
- How does Malvolio behave?
- Is the audience a factor during this scene? Are they involved?
- What does this garden look like?

5. Write your own detailed stage directions either in your folder or on a separate sheet of paper. Bullet points are enough. Practice your stage directions and prepare for your big performance!