# YEAR 7 SUMMER TERM KNOWLEDGE ORGANISER: HIDDEN TRUTHS THE TWELFTH NIGHT BY WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE

'If music be the food of love,

Plot Overview: Set in the island of Illyria, this Shakespearean comedy begins with the arrival of Viola in Illyria, who has been separated by her twin brother, Sebastian, in a shipwreck. The shipwrecked twins leads to mistaken identities, comedic misunderstandings and eventually a series of marriages.

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Act	Plot Summary		
Act 1	<ul> <li>Orsino, the Duke of Illyria, is upset because his love for Countess Olivia is not returned.</li> <li>Viola is shipwrecked on the shores of Illyria. She believes her twin brother, Sebastian, has drowned.</li> <li>Viola disguises herself as a man (Cesario) so that she can work for the Duke of Orsino.</li> <li>Olivia's uncle, Sir Toby Belch, Sir Andrew Aguecheek and Maria are partying together. Sir Toby believes that Sir Andrew should marry his niece, Olivia.</li> <li>Feste, Olivia's clown, tries to cheer Olivia up because she is still mourning her brother.</li> <li>Viola, now called Cesario, is sent by Duke Orsino to try to convince Olivia of his love.</li> <li>After meeting Olivia and leaving, Olivia admits she is attracted to Viola/Cesario and sends Malvolio, her servant, after him with a ring.</li> </ul>		Siguise Suffering  Suffering
Act 2	<ul> <li>Sebastian (Viola's twin) arrives in the town of Illyria after surviving the shipwreck. He meets Antonio, who gives Sebastian a purse of money to help him.</li> <li>Malvolio gives Viola/Cesario Olivia's ring. Viola/Cesario realises that Olivia has fallen in love with her.</li> <li>Sir Toby, Sir Andrew and Maria dislike Malvolio and decide to play a prank on him because he disapproves of their partying. They write a letter to trick him: it says that Olivia is in love with him.</li> <li>Viola/Cesario reveals that she is in love with Duke Orsino. Duke Orsino has no idea!</li> </ul>	Devout Deep religious commitment.  Social Expectations The unspoken rules that define what behaviours, beliefs and attitudes are acceptable in society.	Identity Who a person is and what makes them who they are.
Act 3	<ul> <li>Viola/Cesario returns to Olivia's house. She begs Viola/Cesario not to give her any more love messages from Duke Orsino.</li> <li>Olivia reveals that she loves Viola/Cesario (she thinks Viola/Cesario is a man).</li> <li>Viola/Cesario tells Olivia that she cannot love her. Olivia is devastated.</li> <li>Malvolio, who has fallen for the trick letter, is declared mad by Olivia. She locks him in the dungeon.</li> <li>Sir Toby Belch plays a prank to get Sir Andrew to fight a duel to the death with Viola/Cesario and win Olivia's love. Sir Andrew and Viola/Cesario prepare to fight.</li> <li>Antonio enters and, believing that Viola/Cesario is Sebastian, volunteers to fight in place.</li> <li>Orsino's men then arrive, recognise Antonio (a wanted man) and arrest him. Antonio asks Viola/Cesario (still believing he is</li> </ul>		
Act 4	<ul> <li>Sebastian) for his money back to release him from jail. Viola/Cesario is confused and refuses. Antonio feels betrayed.</li> <li>Sir Toby and Sir Andrew meet Sebastian. Believing that he is Viola/Cesario, they challenge him to a duel. Sebastian agrees to fight.</li> <li>Olivia enters and stops the duel. She thinks he is Viola/Cesario. Olivia returns with a priest and suggests they marry. He agrees.</li> <li>Olivia and Sebastian marry.</li> </ul>		Conflict A serious disagreement or argument.
Act 5	<ul> <li>Duke Orsino and Viola/Cesario approach Olivia's house. Antonio still feels betrayed by Viola/Cesario.</li> <li>Olivia speaks to Viola/Cesario (whom she believes she has just married) in front of Duke Orsino. Viola/Cesario is confused and Duke Orsino is angry.</li> <li>Sebastian enters and tells Olivia that he is sorry for having fought with Sir Toby and Sir Andrew.</li> <li>Everyone stands amazed, seeing Viola/Cesario and Sebastian. Olivia realizes that she has married Sebastian, not Viola/Cesario.</li> <li>Feste (the clown) reveals the trick played on Malvolio. Malvolio is released.</li> <li>Orsino realises he loves Viola and tells her that as soon as she dresses as a woman, they shall marry.</li> </ul>		

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# **Key Characters**

Context - We must understand the influences of the world we live in when examining texts.



# Viola/Cesario Protagonist / young woman / clever / disguised as Cesario

#### **Duke Orsino** Powerful nobleman in Illyria / lovesick / egotistical



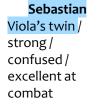
# William Shakespeare

William Shakespeare was born in Stratford-upon-Avon in 1564. He is arguably the most famous playwright in the world. He wrote plays more than 400 years ago and served under two monarchs: Queen Elizabeth I and King James I. He also helped build the Globe Theatre in London.





## Countess Olivia Noble Illyrian lady / wealthy / beautiful / in mourning / sworn off men for 7 vears





#### Queen Elizabeth

Queen Elizabeth I was the Queen of England, Ireland and Wales from 1558-1603. Her reign was called the Golden Age.

It was unusual to be ruled by a woman at that time. It was also unusual because she refused to marry. While she was queen, England won a famous sea



# The Love Triangle







# Malvolio Olivia's head servant / selfrighteous / efficient disapproves of fun



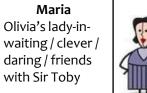


## success was because of her authorisation of a group of privateers who were sent to target the Spanish on land and at sea (similar to pirates). Her reign saw the beginnings of Britain's colonising of the world (taking over lands they 'discovered').





## Sir Andrew Aguecheek Desires Olivia to be his wife / believes he is witty / idiotic / friends with Sir Toby





#### The Twelfth Night

The Twelfth Night is named after the Twelfth Night festival (the twelfth night after Christmas) - a

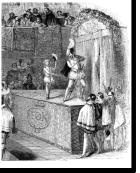
Christian festive period. It was known as a time of

carnivalesque behaviour: where people dressed up and roles were switched in a topsy-turvy fashion.



#### **Actors**

During the Shakespearean period, only males were allowed to perform as actors onstage. This meant all of the parts were performed by men or boys. Female characters were often played by young boys.





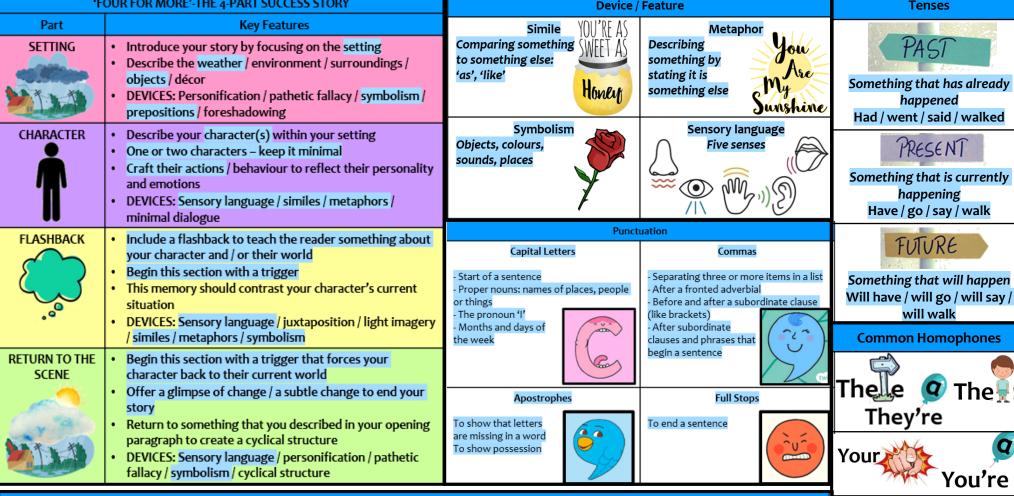
# Olivia's clown / fool entertaining / wise

**Feste** 

# Rescues Sebastian / caring / loving

**Antonio** 

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## Word Classes



Adjective

Describes a noun or

pronoun.

Furiously / yesterday /

Adverb

How, when or where

something happens.

Preposition Where something is; the time, direction or cause of something.





Pronoun

Words that replace nouns

Person, place, thing, idea or state of being. Manchester / cat / love

Noun



Verb An action or state of being. Jump / write / be









