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Y8 Unit 2

Much Ado about Nothing

By William Shakespeare

Mastery learning.

At the end of every unit we study there will be an end of unit quiz to give you an opportunity to demonstrate your knowledge and understanding.

There is no new knowledge in this booklet – everything here has been covered 3 times in class: when reading and annotating our booklets; in the 'Do Now' activities and in the weekly quizzes.

We expect you to work at home to consolidate your knowledge using this booklet.

If you have any questions, please speak to your teacher.

You may write on this, highlight it and make notes. Test yourself and get others to test you until your knowledge and understanding are secure.

There are 3 sections to every booklet:

1. **Spellings and definitions:** make sure you learn the correct spelling of words and a clear definition of its meaning
2. **Knowledge Organiser:** Learn the knowledge. In the end of unit quiz, certain information will be missing and you will be expected to fill in the gaps.
3. **Knowledge questions:** These are taken from the weekly Friday quizzes

| SPELLING | DEFINITION |
|----------------|------------|
| Medieval | |
| Renaissance | |
| Jacobean | |
| Elizabethan | |
| Chaste | |
| Renaissance | |
| Playwright | |
| Cuckold | |
| Superficial | |
| Villain | |
| Connotation | |
| Unconventional | |
| Ascension | |
| Profanity | |
| Bohemians | |
| Idyllic | |
| Antagonism | |
| Oxymoron | |
| Disdain | |
| Pernicious | |
| Tyrant | |
| Traitor | |
| Illegitimate | |
| Canker | |
| Cuckold | |
| Bachelor | |
| Heresy | |
| Subservient | |
| Scathing | |
| Enamoured | |

| Characters | |
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| Leonato | A respected noble – the action takes place at his home in Messina, Italy. |
| Hero | Leonato's daughter. In love with Claudio. |
| Beatrice | Leonato's niece, Hero's cousin. Vows she will never marry. |
| Benedick | A well-regarded soldier who vows he will never marry. |
| Don Pedro | An important nobleman. |
| Don John | The illegitimate brother of Don John, sometimes referred to as 'the bastard'. |
| Claudio | A young soldier who has fought well. Wants to marry Hero. |
| Borachio | An associate of Don John. Margaret's lover. |
| Margaret | Hero's serving woman who unwittingly helps deceive Claudio into believing Hero is unfaithful. |
| Conrad | Loyal to Don John |
| Dogberry | The incompetent police constable. Brings comedy to the play. |
| Themes | |
| Women and Men | Life was very different for men and women. Some try to challenge societal norms (Beatrice) whereas others embrace them (Hero) |
| Deception and deceit | Some is malevolent (evil), some is benign (harmless) |
| Respect and reputation | A woman was expected to be chaste and a virgin before marriage otherwise she would lose social standing. |
| Courtship and courtly love | A highly conventionalised medieval tradition of love between a knight and a noblewoman. |
| Terminology | |
| Pun | A play on words |
| Dramatic irony | The viewers know more than the characters on stage |
| Patriarchy | A male-dominated society |
| Tragic | Extreme distress or sorrow |
| Reconciliation | Restoring friendly relations |
| Shame | A painful feeling of humiliation or distress caused by the consciousness of wrong or foolish behaviour. |

Knowledge check

1. What is the etymology of 'Renaissance'?
2. What was the 'dark ages'?
3. During which 2 eras did Shakespeare write?
4. What were the theatres like when Shakespeare was writing?
5. Describe a stereotypical Elizabethan woman.
6. Why is this stereotype inaccurate?
7. What elements would a Shakespearean comedy have?
8. What important concepts are explored in 'Much Ado'?
9. What is the etymology of 'Renaissance'?
10. Which 2 monarchs were on the throne in Shakespeare's life?
11. What ingredients do Shakespeare comedies often include?

12. Which 2 animals does Shakespeare use to describe Claudio?
13. Which oxymoron is used to describe the relationship between Beatrice and Benedick?
14. Who is Cupid? What was his Greek name?
15. How does Benedick refer to Beatrice? Lady D_____
16. What is a 'pernicious suitor'?
17. What is Benedick determined never to do?
18. What sound would Beatrice prefer to a man saying he loves her?
19. What is 'courtly Love'?
20. Which noun does Claudio use to describe Hero?
21. What was Claudio's attitude to love before the war and now?

22. What is Don Pedro's plan to help Claudio?
23. Explain what juxtaposition is
24. What 'i' is the child of unmarried parents?
25. What had caused arguments between Don J and Don P?
26. What is the method where a writer places 2 contrasting words or ideas side by side?
27. What is the difference between an oxymoron and juxtaposition?
28. What do friends convince Benedick & Beatrice of?
29. Why does Benedick believe he can trust Leonato?
30. Define: unrequited
31. 2 words for 'trick'
32. What is a classical allusion?