

Experiencing Shakespeare Performance Project

Choose one of the options listed below, either an individual or a group project.

1. **Individual Project:** Memorize and recite a long monologue or soliloquy from any Shakespeare play except *Romeo and Juliet*, *Julius Caesar*, *Hamlet*, or *Macbeth*. This may be done in front of the entire class or it may be done privately.

Suggested speeches:

- a. Katharina's advice to the wives from *Taming of the Shrew*.
- b. Petruchio's taming speech from *Taming of the Shrew*.
- c. Either of Henry's battle speeches from *Henry V*.
- d. Richard's beginning soliloquy from *Richard III*.
- e. Other option - clear with your teacher before you memorize it.

2. **Group Project:** Memorize, rehearse, and present a short scene from any Shakespeare play except *Romeo and Juliet*, *Julius Caesar*, *Hamlet*, or *Macbeth*. This must be done in front of the entire class. All rehearsal time must occur outside of class.

Suggested scenes:

- a. Petruchio "woos" Katharina in *Taming of the Shrew*.
- b. The forest rehearsal of the mechanicals in *Midsummer Night's Dream*.
- c. The murderers kill Clarence in *Richard III*.
- d. Richard "woos" Anne in *Richard III*.
- e. Beatrice and Benedick discuss challenging Claudio in *Much Ado About Nothing*.
- f. Henry woos Katharine in *Henry V*.
- g. Emilia helps Desdemona get ready for bed in *Othello*.
- h. Other option - clear the scene with your teacher before you rehearse.