

## Instructions for Omni V Shakespeare Group Work

**You must have your assigned play read no later than April 15th in order to be ready for the troupe meeting that day.**

1. At your first meeting (March 25th) exchange emails for easy collaboration.

Please note: any student who has a planned absence coming up during this unit needs to let me, as well as their fellow troupe members, know by email so we can plan accordingly.

2. Determine which scenes are the best for interpretation. The easiest way to do this is to a) choose your favorite scenes b) find and copy an online version of the play so you can easily cut out less important material in otherwise good scenes. The goal is find the best scenes in the play and to get them honed to 5 minutes.

Don't worry about telling the entire story. It's better to present a dramatic portion of 2 key scenes.

Everyone in the group is **expected** to contribute equally to this process.

3. Once the scenes are chosen, your group needs to determine who will portray the characters.

### **FAQs:**

\* more than one person can portray a character

\* one person can portray multiple characters

\* everyone in the group needs to have roughly the same number of lines

You are welcome to use character hats, which you can decorate with symbols that identify the character — these can be switched during the performance if you're sharing a role.

4. Once parts have been cast, the remaining time needs to be used to work through the scenes, beginning by interpreting much in the fashion you saw in the work by the Shakespeare troupe. Plan how online students can be worked into your overall presentation.

All actors should:

- 1) be sure to stand up and move around,
- 2) 2) look to portray character through attitude, posture, voice (volume, tone, timbre) — who IS this character you're portraying? calm? intense? lazy? regal? embittered?
- 3) use appropriate gestures and
- 4) emphasize key words in order to shape the meaning of phrases
- 5) use note cards for cue cards as needed