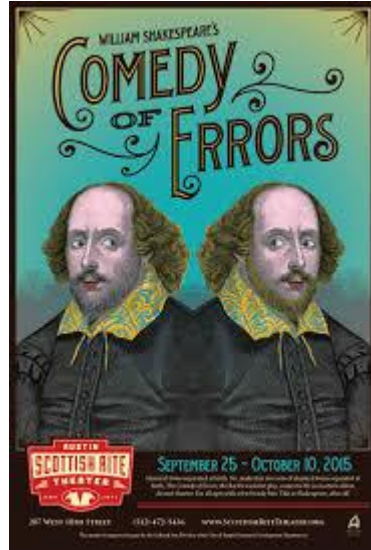


THE COMEDY OF ERRORS EXPLAINED

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Hello! Welcome to my blog page.

I created this blog to help a new reader of Shakespeare better understand *The Comedy of Errors*. These videos will help you understand the plot, some basic themes, and help you appreciate Shakespeare a little more. I choose *The Comedy of Errors* because before college, I had not heard of the play myself and I wanted to expand my knowledge of Shakespeare. Enjoy the videos!





Video 1: Actor Portrayal of Play



Video 2: Plot & Themes Explained

The videos above will help you understand the major plotline of *The Comedy of Errors* by William Shakespeare. They also discuss the characters and situations that occur within the play.

The video on the left shows how hard it can be to explain the plot of *The Comedy of Errors* even through actor portrayal. The confusion that happens during the play is best seen by actually watching the play. This brings about why most of Shakespeare's plays are received better if they are watched or acted out than when they just solely read.

The second video gives a little bit more of a description on the play and some extra details that the first video does not. The video also brings up some major themes that occur during the play and how the characters in the play react to these themes.



Video 3: Student Explanation of Play



Video 4: Puppet Explanation of Play

These videos allow you as the viewer to understand the plot in a more comical way. You get the perspective of a student and a scene acted out, along with a funny adaptation of the puppet show. Both these videos explain the plot, but they add extra details and give some examples.

The student video is very related to the viewer and gives a lot of extra information about the play that was missed beforehand in the short videos. Within the video there is an example of the movie, *The Parent Trap* and how closely it resembles *The Comedy of Errors*. At the beginning of the video, the student gives some information about how this Shakespeare play came to be and what Shakespeare's inspiration for the play was.

The fourth video is very comical, and I believe helps you better relate to the play. Since the play is a comedy, having the summary in a comedic form really helps the reader understand the play, but also get the experience of watching it.



After watching all of the above videos myself, I think they are very beneficial to understand the plot and the themes of *The Comedy of Errors* in a short amount of time. Even though one video is about 14 minutes long, I thought it was funny and entertaining and I watched it anyway. There are multiple versions of the full play available on YouTube, but I chose one below that is acted out in modern English, so I hope that you enjoy it!



Video 5: A 2014 performance of The Comedy of Errors play by a Taste 'O Shakespeare's Steam-Punk

Sources:

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Video 2: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2Rafv1ldWFY>

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