# **Jasmine Neville**

Subject: English-Writing	Grade: 11	Date:	Duration:
		Oct. 12	60 minutes
Class Composition:		lass are ELLs fr and varying co	om various

Big Ideas	<ul> <li>Language shapes ideas and influences others</li> <li>Texts are socially, culturally, geographically, and historically constructed</li> <li>People understand text differently depending on their worldviews and perspectives</li> </ul>
Curricular Competencies	<ul> <li>Apply appropriate strategies in a variety of contexts to comprehend written, oral, visual, and multimodal texts; guide inquiry; and extend thinking</li> <li>Respond to text in personal, creative, and critical ways</li> <li>Transform ideas and information to create original texts, using new or unfamiliar genres, forms, structures, and styles</li> </ul>

Content Objectives:	<ul> <li>Have students playfully engage in Shakespearian language in order to build a connection to the text</li> <li>Students to understand the playfulness behind A Midsummer Night's Dream</li> </ul>
Language Objectives:	<ul> <li>Have students generate a fight using Shakespearian language. Given the difficulty of producing this language, a word bank will be provided to keep the activity fun</li> <li>Have students come up with an example from outside the play for one of their insults to connect the writing to their lives</li> <li>See how changing certain words in a sentence has the potential to change meaning</li> <li>Increase students ability to read Shakespeare aloud</li> </ul>

# **Materials and Equipment Needed**

Word-bank of insult words <a href="https://owlcation.com/academia/How-to-Teach-">https://owlcation.com/academia/How-to-Teach-</a>

# Shakespeare-to-Reluctant-Learners

• Worksheet with Hermia and Helena's conversation (Act 3 Scene 2) to fill in the blanks

	Lesson	Learning Activities	Time Allotted
1	Components		20.25
1.	Warm-up	• Show video of Midsummer Nights Dream Act 3 Scene 2 (students will have read act 3 for homework) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v =JE9vCqoeO4g	20-25 minutes
2.	Presentation		5-10 minutes
		<ul> <li>Ask students what has just happened in this scene (writ all brainstorming activities on the board)</li> <li>Ask students what the tone of this scene is (explain that although Shakespeare may seem very serious, he actually wrote many comedies and his plays are often light-hearted in nature)</li> <li>Introduce writing prompt and constraints</li> </ul>	
3.	Practice and		10-12 minutes
	Production	<ul> <li>Writing Prompt: On the handout (see attached) fill in the blanks to create new insults that Hermia and Helena will throw at one another. There is a time constraint of 10 minutes</li> <li>Extension activity: Add stage direction to this scene</li> <li>Students may use the words from the word-bank projected on the screen or come up with your own, but they must sound Shakespeare-</li> </ul>	
4.	Closure	<ul><li>esque</li><li>.Have students quickly practice</li></ul>	10-15 minutes
••	Ciosare	(everyone) and perform (voluntary) their new scripts with a partner	(5 for practice, 10 for performance)

Adaptations for		
English Language	<ul> <li>All instructions will be written on the board as well</li> </ul>	
Learners	as verbally repeated	
	<ul> <li>ELLs may use an 'English to Shakespearian'</li> </ul>	
	translator: http://www.shmoop.com/shakespeare-	
	translator/ to help understand the text and the	
	words in the word bank	

# Feedback/Assessment of Students' Learning

- Collect writing samples for participation marks
- Students who perform their or their partner's scene will get participation marks

## Reflection

By grade 11 many students already have a preconceived idea of studying Shakespeare and it is usually negative. I wanted to create a lesson focused on Shakespeare, but that students will enjoy. Hopefully this will set the tone for future Shakespeare lessons.

The hardest part about writing this lesson plan was assuming what the background knowledge and classroom makeup of my students would be. Without knowing the students in the class, it was hard to know whether or not this lesson would be appropriate or not. Additionally, it was difficult to assume that certain lessons had happened before this one to create some sort of context for the students.

## **HERMIA**

O me, you **artless lout**, you **bawdy bum-bailey**, You **half-faced rascal!** What, have you come by night And stol'n my love's heart from him?

#### HELENA

Fine, i' faith!
Have you no modesty, no maiden shame,
No touch of bashfulness? What, will you tear
Impatient answers from my gentle tongue?
Fie, fie, you pribbling hedge-born pignut, you fusty idle-headed
minnow, you!

## HERMIA

"minnow"? Why so? Ay, that way goes the game. Now I perceive that she hath made compare Between our statures: she hath urg'd her height, And with her personage, her tall personage, Her height, forsooth, she hath prevail'd with him. And are you grown so high in his esteem, Because I am so dwarfish and so low? How low am I, vain tickle-brained scut? Speak! How low am I? I am not yet so low But that my nails can reach unto thine eyes.