

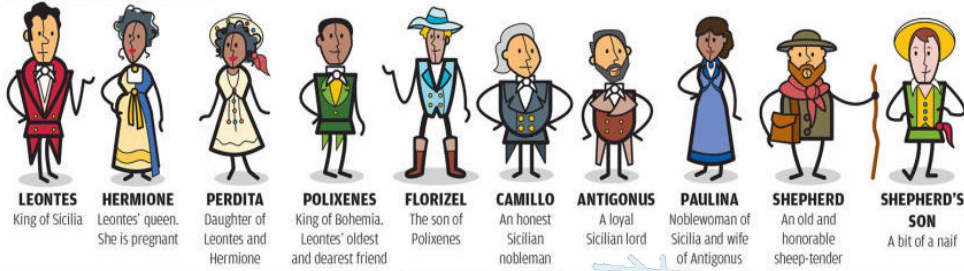
THE WINTER'S TALE



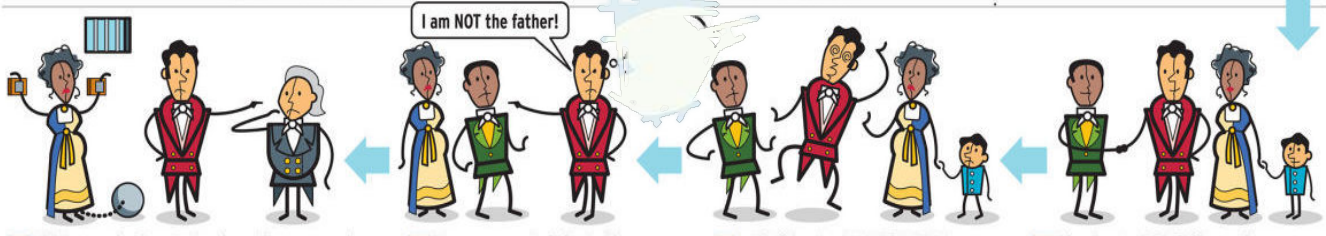
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Play Summary

Cast of characters



1 Once upon a time in Sicilia, King Leontes and Queen Hermione were very happy, with a little boy and a baby on the way.

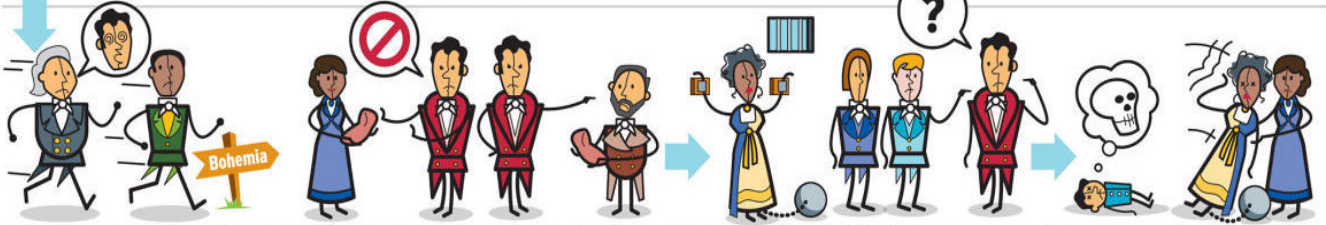


2 Plus, Leontes' BFF, Polixenes, is there for a long visit. That's great ...

3 ... Until Leontes LOSES HIS MIND!

4 For no reason at all, he decides that Hermione and Polixenes are lovers! That new baby isn't his!

5 This is crazy, but Leontes imprisons the queen anyhow and orders Camillo to poison Polixenes. He sends two men to the Delphic Oracle to prove he's right.

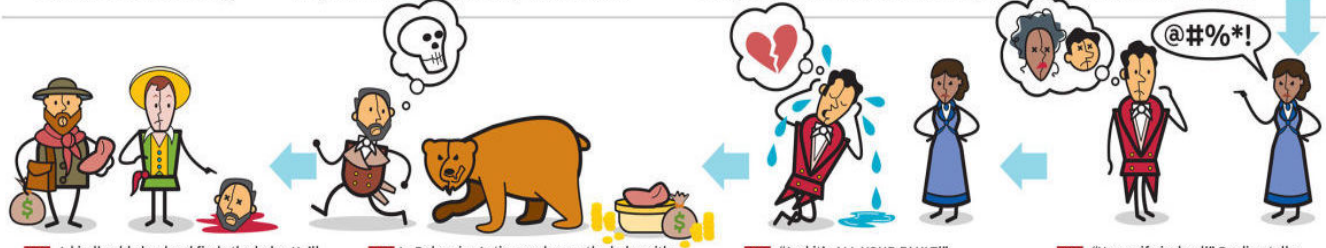


6 Camillo won't do it – it's murder! He warns Polixenes to hurry back to Bohemia and take him along!

7 Hermione gives birth in prison. Paulina takes the baby to Leontes to soften his heart, but he won't listen. He orders Antigonus to take the baby far away and abandon her.

8 As Hermione's rigged trial begins, the men return from Delphi. The Oracle says Hermione did nothing wrong! Neither did Polixenes! Leontes is a tyrant!

9 Horrible news. The young prince has died. He got sick missing his imprisoned mother. Hermione collapses.



10 "Your wife is dead!" Paulina tells Leontes. "Your son is dead and your daughter is gone!"

11 "And it's ALL YOUR FAULT!" Grief-stricken Leontes knows she's right.

12 In Bohemia, Antigonus leaves the baby with gold and jewels on the rugged coast. A bear comes and chases him!

13 A kindly old shepherd finds the baby. He'll raise her with his own son – who just found what's left of Antigonus.



14 It's the big sheep-shearing festival in Bohemia! The hostess is the shepherd's beautiful daughter, Perdita. Everybody loves her – especially Prince Florizel. He's disguised as a shepherd.

15 Polixenes and Camillo figure things out. Polixenes forbids his son to marry a peasant girl!

16 Camillo helps Florizel and Perdita run away to Sicilia, with Polixenes hot on their trail.

17 Leontes welcomes the young couple but still grieves for the tragedy he caused. He promises Paulina he'll never remarry without her permission.



18 Soon all Sicilia is talking about the miracle! Because of the jewelry left with her, everybody knows Perdita is Leontes' long-lost daughter. It's a wonderful match. The couple is happy! Their fathers are, too!

19 They all go to Paulina's house. She shows them the statue she had made of Hermione. It's such a great piece of art, it looks alive! Leontes just has to kiss it ...

20 ... And discovers another miracle: it isn't a statue at all. It's Hermione, lost and found once more.

The end!

The Winter's Tale Characters

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**SHEPHERD'S
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Character Activities

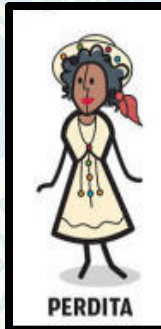
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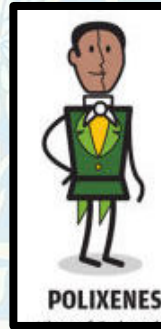
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childhood friend of
Polixenes. Believes
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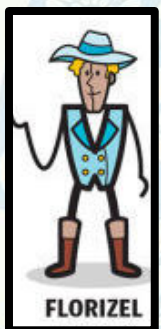
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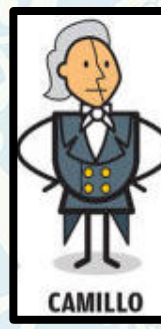
Daughter of
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Hermione,
abandoned as a
baby and raised
by a shepherd



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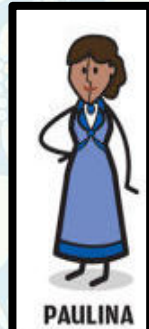
Polixenes son
who falls in love
with Perdita



An honest
nobleman who
refuses to follow
Leontes orders
to poison
Polixenes



A pickpocket who helps Perdita and Florizel escape



Noblewoman of Sicily, fierce in her defence of Hermione



Raised Perdita



Sometimes known as the clown, he helps his father to prove Perdita is not his actual child

Display:

Use quotes for characters say in your scene. These can be used as part of a display in your classroom for children to see the language they are using in their performance.

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