

Taming of the Shrew
Act I Scene i

Players: Lucentio, Tranio, Baptista, Gremio, Katharina, Hortensio, Bianca, Biondello

1. What is Baptista's plan to find Katharina a husband? How to Gremio and Hortensio respond to this plan?
2. Provide your first impression of Katharina. Give specifics in this description.
3. What about Bianca attracts Lucentio, and by extension her other suitors? What specific information from the play caused you to say this?
4. What specifically can you say about the men's speech about Katharina before she leaves?
5. What specifically can you say about the men's speech about Katharina once she leaves?
6. What is the plan that Gremio and Hortensio come up with in order to marry Bianca?
7. Describe Lucentio's plan to win Bianca.
8. Compare and contrast the two daughters. How does the way in which each is treated suggest about social norms of the time? Is Shakespeare buying into these social conventions?