

Understanding the Induction Scenes in Shakespeare's *Taming of the Shrew*

1. The Lord immediately establishes himself as a man of sport (both in hunting and trickery) in the Scene I of the Induction. Provide a quotation, cited, which supports this statement:

2. Provide an adjective to describe the Lord's personality in Induction, Scene I, lines 1-64.

Adjective:

Rationale:

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3. The Lord's plan to trick Sly is extremely elaborate and full of detail. How is he going to get Sly to his chambers?

How will Sly be dressed?

How will they address or comfort Sly's confusion?

Whom will portray Sly's wife, and how will this be accomplished?

How will "Sly's wife" be made to cry, if he cannot muster the tears on his own?

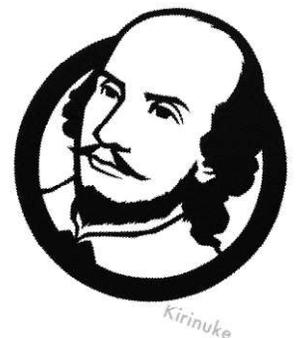
4. In Scene II of the Induction, Sly awakens and reveals a bit about his true self. In lines 5-20, how does Sly describe himself?

5. The Lord, in an effort to convince Sly of his nobility, offers a number of luxuries to soothe Sly. Provide quoted, cited evidence from lines 20-51 which demonstrate the grand extent of the Lord's offerings. Luxurious offering #1:

Luxurious offering #2:

Luxurious offering #3:

Luxurious offering #4:



6. The men are very complimentary to Sly's "wife." How do they describe her?

7. The men have convinced Sly that his "goodly nap" (Induction, ii, 76) lasted _____ years.

9. The Page flatters Sly by pretending that his long nap seemed to take _____ years because "she" has missed him so much.

10. The men suggest that Sly and his wife should watch a play to put them in the proper mindset. The men state that viewing this play will "frame [their] minds with mirth and merriment" (Induction, ii, 126), setting up the true action and primary plot of *Taming of the Shrew*.

Having witnessed the action of the Induction, a viewer and reader can make a few predictions about the content and style of the play Sly is about to see. Make some predictions and state your justification.

Prediction 1:

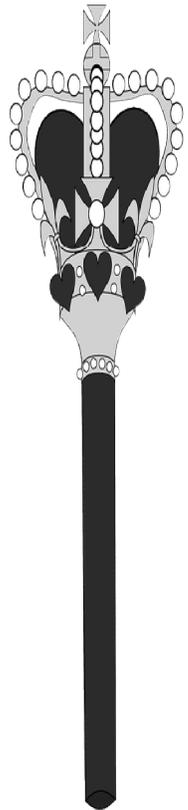
Justification:

Prediction 2:

Justification:

Prediction 3:

Justification:



11. How is Sly's name ironic?