

Resource A (edited text): **Court v. Forest**

1. FOREST: A Band of Outlaws!

Poor Duke Senior has been exiled by his brother Duke Frederick and is living in the forest of Arden like Robin Hood and his Merry Men. His daughter Rosalind is allowed to stay at court with her cousin Celia. But is life so merry in the forest away from home comforts?

Duke Senior **Hath not old custom made this life more sweet
Than that of painted pomp? Are not these woods
More free from peril than the envious court?**

Amiens **Happy is your grace,
That can translate the stubbornness of fortune
Into so quiet and so sweet a style.**

2. COURT: Love at First Sight!

Orlando takes part in a wrestling match at court to escape from the cruel treatment of his brother Oliver. At the match, he meets Rosalind and they fall in love immediately.

Rosalind **The little strength that I have, I would it were with you.**

Orlando **What passion hangs these weights upon my tongue?
O poor Orlando, thou art overthrown!**

3. COURT: Rosalind Banished!

Cruel Duke Frederick banishes Rosalind from court. She disguises herself as a boy called Ganymede, and Celia as a peasant woman and together they plot to run away to the Forest of Arden to track down her father.

Rosalind **A gallant curtle-axe upon my thigh,
A boar-spear in my hand; and in my heart
Lie there what hidden woman's fear there will**

Celia **Now go we in content
To liberty and not to banishment.**

4. FOREST: Orlando's Test...

Orlando also runs away into the forest and joins Duke Senior. Rosalind discovers the desperate love poetry that he's been hanging on trees. She is still in disguise as a boy but tells Orlando that he can woo 'him' instead of Rosalind to 'cure' him of his love-sickness.

Orlando **I am he that is so love-shaked: I pray you tell me
your remedy.**

Rosalind **I would cure you, if you would but call me Rosalind
and come every day to my cote and woo me.**

5. FOREST: A Forest Full of Love!

Phoebe also meets and falls in love with Rosalind. This frustrates the shepherd, Silvius, who is madly in love with Phoebe. Meanwhile, a goatherd called Audrey falls for Touchstone and they talk about marriage.

Rosalind **I pray you, do not fall in love with me,
For I am falser than vows made in wine**

Phoebe **Dead Shepherd, now I find thy saw of might,
'Who ever loved that loved not at first sight?'**

Touchstone **'Come, sweet Audrey:
We must be married, or we must live in bawdry.**

Audrey **I am not a slut, though I thank the gods I am foul.**

6. COURT & FOREST: Two Brothers Unite.

When Duke Frederick hears that Orlando and Celia have disappeared to the forest, he orders Oliver to hunt down Orlando and kill him. But deep in the forest, Orlando saves Oliver's life by fighting off a lioness. Oliver is sorry for the way he treated his brother, and falls in love with Celia!

Celia **Are you his brother?
Was't you that did so oft contrive to kill him?**

Oliver **'Twas I; but 'tis not I I do not shame
To tell you what I was, since my conversion
So sweetly tastes, being the thing I am.**

7. FOREST: Rosalind's Plan...

Rosalind is frustrated she can't tell Orlando how she feels because of her disguise, so she promises that Phoebe and Ganymede will marry (unless this is impossible, in which case Phoebe will marry Silvius), Celia will marry Oliver, Touchstone will marry Audrey, and Orlando will marry Rosalind.

Rosalind **Keep you your word, Orlando, to receive his daughter:
Keep your word, Phebe, that you'll marry me,
Or else refusing me, to wed this shepherd:
Keep your word, Silvius, that you'll marry her.
If she refuse me: and from hence I go,
To make these doubts all even.**

8. FOREST: Lovers Unite!

Rosalind appears in her own clothes and is reunited with her father, Duke Senior. Learning Ganymede is not real, Phoebe marries Silvius and the other couples all happily marry. News arrives that Duke Frederick has become a hermit and Senior is welcome back at court.

Jaques **The duke hath put on a religious life
And thrown into neglect the pompous court?
To him will I : out of these convertites
There is much matter to be heard and learn'd.**

Duke Senior **Stay, Jaques, stay.**

Jaques **To see no pastime I what you would have
I'll stay to know at your abandon'd cave.**