

Student Essay on Much Ado about Nothing

Much Ado about Nothing by William Shakespeare

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Essay

I really enjoyed reading "Much Ado About Nothing" in English class. Not only was it fun, but it was also very challenging to read due to the complex type of writing it contains. Occasionally, the book became very confusing, but after time it became much easier to comprehend. Talking about the book and having discussions about it in class helped me get a better understanding of the plot and the characters. An additional aspect that really helped me understand the play was watching the movie as we read the book. It gave me a visual realization of the story and made me grasp what the characters were saying.

One aspect that I found to be very interesting was the title of the play, "Much Ado About Nothing." The play is essentially based on how the characters make so much of nothing, yet is also had to do with characters noticing things. Everyone in the play is technically making a big deal over nothing of great importance.

Many moods exist in this particular play. It is a unique mixture of seriousness, comedy, suspense, romance, and happiness. The play is basically a lot of drama twisted into several hundred lines of verse. In the end, everyone is happy and not a lot has changed. Shakespeare is thus showing that although the play is enjoyable, it really isn't that significant of a piece of literature because of its subject matter. The play is especially important ultimately because it shows us, as people, that life itself is similarly enjoyable and foolish- meaning that our lives are just the same "much ado about nothing."

Reading Shakespeare's plays in class is something, I believe, everyone looks forward to in middle school and high school. Not only does reading these plays widen our vocabulary, but it also deepens our insight of such literature. Reading material by Shakespeare in school is particularly important mainly because it can often be difficult to understand, yet they are also great books to base discussions on. Personally, I have always liked reading Shakespeare's plays and I look forward to reading many others in years to come.