Reading Comprehension

Bold and Brave Women from Shakespeare

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Read the 'Text' pages in this pack. The text is taken from *Bold and Brave Women from Shakespeare* and features the characters Cleopatra and Beatrice.

CLEOPATRA – Answer these questions:

Who is Cleopatra in love with?

Why can't Antony and Cleopatra fully trust each other?

Who do the lovers pledge to fight against together?

Why is Antony cross with Cleopatra?

ORACY!

Talk with a partner about how things go wrong and what happens at the end.



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BEATRICE – Answer these questions:

Who does Beatrice live with and why does she not live with her parents?

She lives with .....

She doesn't live with her parents because

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How do people describe Beatrice? Circle or highlight the words that describe her 'reputation':

Gentle and kind

Sharp-tongued and strong-willed

Bad tempered and fierce



What do you think the words 'fit me with a husband' mean?

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Beatrice and Benedick 'quarrel their way to the altar'. What do you think this sentence means?

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ORACY!

What things do you think Beatrice and Benedick quarrel about? Write down some notes. Work with a partner and make up a pretend quarrel as though you are Beatrice and Benedick.

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