

***The Taming of the Shrew* - Study Questions**

Answer the following questions in complete sentences; be specific and use quotes from the play to support your work where possible.

ACT IV

Scene 1

1. What images do Grumio and Curtis use in their banter? Why are these images chosen?
2. According to Grumio in lines 21-24, what has changed?
3. What has happened to Kate on her way to Petruchio's house? How did Petruchio respond? (lines 68-80)
4. How does Petruchio treat the servants? What is Kate's reaction?
5. Which of Petruchio's insults to the servants is your favorite?
6. According to his soliloquy, what is Petruchio's plan?

Scene 2

1. Summarize Tranio and Hortensio's conversation concerning Bianca. What do they both decide? What is ironic about this?
2. What are Hortensio's plans for marriage? (lines 37-39)

3. What role does the Pendant play in Tranio's plot? How does Tranio get him to play along?

Scene 3

1. What does Kate's opening monologue reveal about her condition?

2. What must Kate do before Petruchio will feed her? (lines 38-47)

3. What does Petruchio think of the hat? the dress?

4. What does Petruchio tell Hortensio to do in line 162? What does this imply about Petruchio's behavior?

Scene 4

1. How did Tranio distract Baptista for the evening?

2. What does Biondello tell Lucentio (Cambio) to do while Baptista feasts with Tranio?

Scene 5

1. Why does Hortensio say "the field is won" in line 23? Who has won and how?

2. What game to Petruchio and Kate play with Vincentio?