

MEASURE FOR MEASURE



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Written between 1603–1604

First performed at Court for Christmas

Categorically a comedy

Also called a “problem play”

Would be changed to fit given social conventions

18th Century: working class characters cut

19th Century: sexuality toned down



VIENNA

1522 - Opponents to Holy Roman Emperor executed
Officially under imperial rule

1526 - Ordinance issued that stripped city of rights

1555 - Peace of Augsburg
Regional princes able to determine type of Christianity subjects had to follow
Viennese required to be Catholic



ENGLAND

1603

Scottish James VI succeeded Elizabeth I, becoming James I

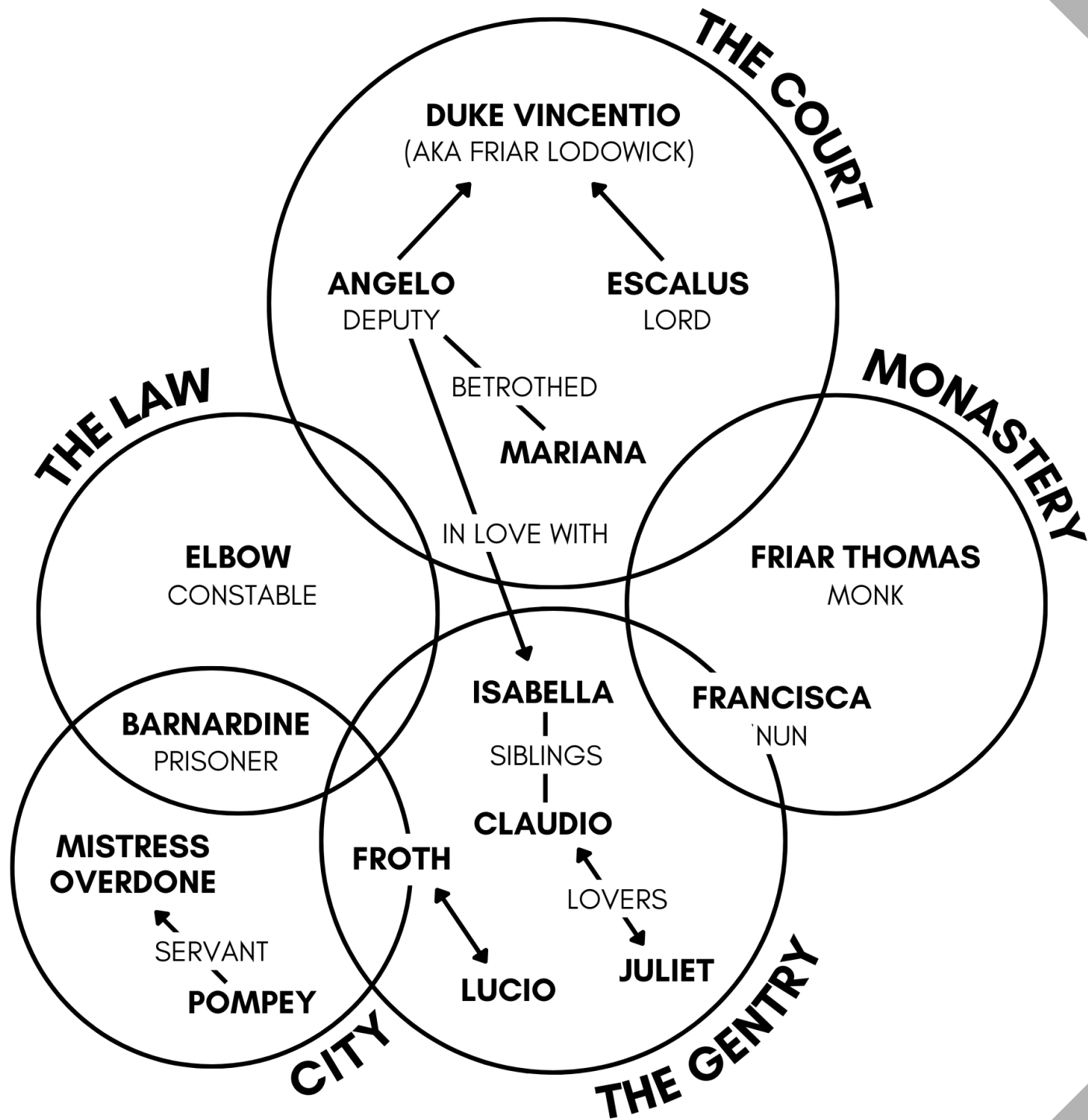
Explorer Walter Raleigh arrested and put on trial for treason


1604

James signed Treaty of London, ending 13 year war with Spain

Raleigh originally sentenced to death penalty





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RESOURCES

TIME & SETTINGS SHEET

MEASURE FOR MEASURE TIME & SETTINGS CHART

Scene	Day / Time	Setting
Act 1 Scene 1	Sunday 9am	Palace Chamber
Act 1 Scene 2	Sunday 3pm	Taphouse
Act 1 Scene 3	Sunday 3pm	Public Square
Act 1 Scene 4	Sunday 3pm	Monk's Cloister
Act 1 Scene 5	Sunday 3.30pm	Foyer in the Convent
Act 2 Scene 1	Monday 11am	Courtroom
Act 2 Scene 2	Monday 2pm	Anteroom in the Court
Act 2 Scene 3	Monday 2pm	Prison Reception
Act 2 Scene 4	Tuesday 9am	Palace Chamber
Act 3 Scene 1	Tuesday 10am	The Prison
Act 3 Scene 2	Tuesday 10.30am	Taphouse/Brothel
Act 4 Scene 1	Tuesday twilight	Moated Grange
Act 4 Scene 2	Tuesday midnight	Prison Courtyard
Act 4 Scene 3	Wednesday 3.30am	The Prison
Act 4 Scene 4	Wednesday 5am	Palace Chamber
Act 4 Scene 5	Wednesday 4pm	Moated Grange
Act 4 Scene 6	Wednesday 5pm	Outside the City Gates
Act 5 Scene 1	Wednesday 5.30pm	Impromptu Court outside the City

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The screenshot shows the Oxford English Dictionary (OED) website interface. At the top, the OED logo is on the left, and a search bar with a magnifying glass icon and the text 'Advanced search' is on the right. Below the search bar, the word 'measure' is displayed in a large, bold font, with 'NOUN' underneath it. A navigation bar contains several tabs: 'Factsheet', 'Meaning & use', 'Etymology', 'Pronunciation', 'Forms', 'Frequency', and 'Compounds & derived words'. The 'Meaning & use' tab is currently selected. The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column is titled 'What does the noun *measure* mean?' and contains text stating that there are 55 meanings listed, with 19 labeled as obsolete. The right column is titled 'How is the noun *measure* pronounced?' and shows the British English pronunciation as /'mɛʒə/ and the U.S. English pronunciation as /'mɛʒər/. A 'See pronunciation' button is located below the pronunciations. A vertical 'Feedback' button is on the right side of the page.

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measure

NOUN

Revised 2001 (details) More entries for "measure"

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What does the noun *measure* mean?


There are **55** meanings listed in OED's entry for the noun *measure*, 19 of which are labelled obsolete. See 'Meaning & use' for definitions, usage, and quotation evidence.

measure has developed meanings and uses in subjects including

measurement (Middle English)

How is the noun *measure* pronounced?

BRITISH ENGLISH /'mɛʒə/  MEZH-uh

U.S. ENGLISH /'mɛʒər/  MEZH-uhr

See pronunciation >

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Variant forms

Middle English	measure, meser, meseur, mesewer, mesor, messur, mesuyr, meswre, mysure
Middle English-1500s	mesore, mesour, mesoure, mesur
Middle English-1600s	measure
Middle English-	measure
1500s	massure, measer, meisure, mesewre
1500s-1600s	measuer, measur
1600s	meassure, measuere

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and therewithal took **measure** of my body.
he cannot but with **measure** fit the honours
enough, with over **measure**.
loved me above the **measure** of a father,
must have that thanks from rome after the **measure**
measureless liar, thou hast made my heart
move storms. i will condole, in some **measure**. to the
which now in some slight **measure** it will pay,
to **measure** out my length on this cold bed.
to **measure** kingdoms with his feeble steps;

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The screenshot shows the website's navigation bar with a search box and a profile picture. The main title 'Measure for Measure' is centered. Below it are tabs for 'Text', 'Circles', 'Dramatis Personae', 'Synopsis', and 'All Definitions'. A dark red bar contains checkboxes for 'Original', 'Modern', 'Definitions', 'Key line', and 'Hyperlinks', along with a 'print' button. The text area is divided into acts (I-V) and scenes. Below this are columns for 'First folio', 'Modern text', 'Definitions', and 'Key line'. The text is displayed in a two-column format, with the 'Definitions' column containing entries for 'discourse (n.)' and 'affect (v.)' with speaker icons and checkboxes.

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All text **Act I** Act II Act III Act IV Act V
scene I II III IV scene I II III IV scene I II scene I II III IV V VI scene I

First folio Modern text Definitions Key line

Enter Duke, Escalus, Lords.
Duke.
EScalus.
Esc.
My Lord.
Duk.
Of Government, the properties to vnfold,
Would seeme in me t' affect speech & discourse,

Enter Duke, Escalus, Lords, and Attendants
DUKE
Escalus.
ESCALUS
My lord.
DUKE
Of government the properties to unfold
Would seem in me t' affect speech and discourse,

discourse (n.) MM I.i.1
conversation, talk, chat
affect (v.) MM I.i.4
assume, display, put on,

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