



The Winter's Tale

The Winter's Tale is a tragicomedy because the first three acts are filled with intense psychological drama, but the last two acts are comedic and supply a happy ending. The play opens with the appearance of two childhood friends: Leontes, King of Sicilia, and Polixenes, the King of Bohemia.

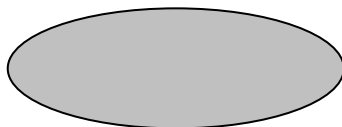
THE PLOT. Are these statements TRUE or FALSE?

1. Leontes persuades Polixenes to stay longer.
2. Leontes is insanely jealous because he thinks his wife is in love.
3. Camilo urges Loentes to kill Polixenes.
4. The Oracle of Delphi proclaims Hermione is guilty.
5. Leontes thinks Perdita is Polixenes' daughter.
6. Perdita is the only survivor in the ship wreck.
7. Polixenes agrees with his son marrying a shepherdess.
8. Perdita's likeness to Hermione strikes King Leontes.
9. Hermione has been hidden by Pauline for a long time.
10. Camilo doesn't want to marry Pauline.

THE CHARACTERS. Write the family relationship of these characters.

NAME	WHO IS WHO?
Florizel	He is _____.
Perdita	She is _____.
Mamillius	He is _____.

NEW WORDS. Write five new words you have learnt after reading the play.



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Write the right word for each definition....

The person who advises a king is his ...

The person who takes care of sheep is a ...

QUESTIONS

Why did the King Leontes send Perdita to a foreign shore?

Why did Pauline keep Hermione statue?



WRITING. Write an alternative end on your own.