

Sketches of some Leading Ladies of Shakespeare's plays

Viola-
of aristocratic birth,
inventive, creative,
determined,
somewhat deceptive,
loving,
trapped in a disguise.

Portia-
wealthy heiress,
beautiful,
intelligent,
clever, witty,
disguised,
trapped in the markings of her father's will.

Queen Gertrude-
beautiful,
royal,
questionable, deceptive,
frail internally,
social,
trapped in a marriage and a social standard.

Kate-
shrew,
sharp-tongued,
quick-tempered,
insecure,
jealous,
prone to violence,
anti-marriage,
hostile, rude,
trapped in a tradition of marriage.

Duchess of York-
loving,
spiritual,
trapped in the power of Bolingbroke's pardon.