

Bullet Summary of Shakespeare's Twelfth Night

Olivia

- mourning her brother's death for seven years.
- refuses to be wooed by Orsino, or anyone.
- agrees to speak with Cesario (Viola)
- falls in love with Cesario (Viola)
- sends Malvolio after Cesario (Viola) with a ring
- gives Cesario a diamond brooch with a picture of herself inside.
- mistakes Sebastian for Cesario, begs him to marry her. Sebastian agrees.
- They have a private marriage.

Sir Toby Belch

- Olivia's uncle
- wants Olivia to marry Sir Andrew Aguecheek
- looks Malvolio in a dark room. He is thought to have "midsummer madness" due to the forged letter.
- Marries Maria.

Sebastian

- survived the shipwreck.
- sword fought Sir Andrew & Sir Toby, they blame Cesario (Viola)
- Runs into Viola (Cesario) with Orsino, Olivia
- Sir Andrews & Sir Toby.

Maria, Fabian, Sir Andrews

- Forge a letter to Malvolio from "Olivia" stating that Olivia is in love with him
- Sir Andrews challenges Viola (Cesario) to a duel.

Orsino

- Wants to marry Olivia
- believes Olivia will be a more devoted lover due to her mourning her brother's death.
- blames Cesario (Viola) for Olivia rejecting him.
- finally realises Orsino loves Cesario (Viola)

Viola

- shipwrecked on the coast of Illyria
- believes her twin brother, Sebastian died in the shipwreck.
- disguises herself as a male (Cesario) in order to serve Orsino.
- becomes Orsino's messenger, causes notes from Orsino to Olivia to woo her
- Viola (disguised) falls in love with Orsino
- Antonio mistakes Cesario (Viola) for Sebastian, leads Viola to believe her brother is still alive.
- becomes Orsino's queen.

Antonio

- Saved Sebastian's life
- has many enemies in Illyria.
- Saves Viola (Cesario) whom he believes to be Sebastian from a duel with Sir Andrews.
- Antonio is arrested.

Malvolio

- Olivia's confidant
- believes Olivia is in love with him
- appearance changes from sad to happy. dark clothes to bright colors.
- Released from the dark room
- Shows Orsino the forged letter.
- Olivia allows Malvolio to be both plaintiff and judge in his case against the pranksters.