

❖ Act V, Scene i:

- How satisfactory is this scene as a 'denouement' (which means the 'unknotting' of the plot at the end of a play)?
 - Make a note of any areas which you feel Shakespeare has left unresolved.
- Look at the role of Lucio in this scene
 - How do his words and actions create humour?
 - What is the effect of that humour in the midst of such serious issues?
- Write a paragraph summing up the main attitudes to justice and mercy which have emerged from this final Act.
- The Duke dominates this Act in his dual role as ruler and friar
 - What is your opinion of him and of his actions by the end of the play?
 - Make a list of points for and against him.