

The Merchant of Venice - Shakespeare on Stage Series

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EDITION - 2nd

Grade Level	Eighth Grade Ninth Grade Tenth Grade Eleventh Grade Twelfth Grade
Readability Level	8.5
Course / Content	Language Arts Literature Reading
List Price:	7.95 per book
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Content	The Shakespeare on Stage edition of The Merchant of Venice is a script that has been abridged to be performed in sixty minutes.
Student Experiences	Shakespeare on Stage enables the average reader to enjoy the great plays of Shakespeare in the original language. The text of each play is moderately abridged; explanations and descriptions help students understand and perform Shakespeare in the manner of modern plays.
Assessment	The Shakespeare on Stage edition of The Merchant of Venice has been endorsed by Peggy O'Brien, Director, Teaching Shakespeare, Folger Shakespeare Library. She stated that this series provides, "The most historically accurate and best way to begin Shakespeare."
Organization	The abridged play is preceded by background information on the play and a list of characters in the play. The play is organized according to the same Act and scene structure that appears in standard Shakespeare editions.
Resource Materials	NR
Gratis Items to be provided and under what conditions	No - NR
Available Ancillary Materials	NR

Research Data and Evidence of Effectiveness

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Research Available not available

Overall Strength and/or Weaknesses

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Textbook/Instructional Materials Review Team completed each evaluation form during summer of 2005. In order to maintain the integrity of the review team's comments, editing was limited to spelling and punctuation.

Recommendations: Classic Shakespeare shortened somewhat with added stage directions and explanations. Useful for students with little or no Shakespeare or "difficult reading" experience. Play is true to original and deletions are well-hid, so as to not interfere with the reading or storyline. Could be easily used in place of full text versions for either production or classroom reading.

Summary Form

- I. Technology Component Summary
- II. Reading Content Summary 1.29
Strengths Abbreviations in original text and additional director's notes make the text more student accessible.
- III. Writing Content Summary
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- XI. Ancillary Materials Content Summary

READING CONTENT

Additional stage directions should improve student comprehension, especially for those not used to reading dramatic literature.

INcomparison to "regular" Shakespeare.

NO teacher materials are available. These are merely working scripts for the plays in abbreviated/ noted form.

Text contains no additional questions, etc. It is merely a working script.

AUDIENCE: TEACHER MATERIALS

NOT APPLICABLE TO THIS TYPE OF BOOK. TEXT IS MERELY AN ABBREVIATION OF SHAKESPEARE'S PLAY WITH ADDITIONAL STAGE DIRECTIONS TO SIMPLIFY READING AND INCREASE COMPREHENSION.

FORMAT

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ANCILLARY MATERIALS

Not applicable for this text. Text is merely an abbreviation of Shakespeare's play with additional stage directions to simplify reading and increase comprehension.