

MOUNT SAINT JOSEPH ACADEMY

SHAKESPEARE

SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENT

Much Ado About Nothing* by William Shakespeare, Folger Edition

When reading *Much Ado About Nothing*, “mark up” your text and take careful, comprehensive notes. Be especially attentive to the following themes/motifs: love (mature and immature), love sickness, appearance vs. reality, masks, eavesdropping/spying, mistaken identity, trickery, villainy, and “much ado about nothing.” Be equally attentive to plot points, characterization, diction, and style. **A quiz on the drama will be administered on the first full class day.** A major test will then follow the comprehensive in-class discussions of the drama.

***No other edition of the text is acceptable!**