

Bitesize KS3 English Literature – Shakespeare

Richard III – Performance analysis – Casting Richard transcript

PRESENTER

Richard the III really existed, but wasn't quite as gross as Shakespeare insisted. He's a villain planning killing on his bother the King but how would you show his evil cunning? This is 'Casting Richard!'

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RICHARD III
CASTING RICHARD

ACTOR PORTRAYING RICHARD III

I, that am curtailed of this fair proportion, cheated of feature by dissembling nature, deformed, unfinished.

PRESENTER

Wow, a classic evil Richard with a classic Richard look, and in Shakespeare's day, a lot of people did believe that the worse you Looked, the nastier you were.

WOMAN IN PATTERNED TOP

Mmm, yeah you really do give me the creeps.

WOMAN IN PATTERNED TOP

So what do you do in your spare time?

ACTOR PORTRAYING RICHARD III

Oh I do a lot of volunteer work for charity, help old people with their shopping, find homes for rescue dogs that sort of thing. And I also do parkour.

ACTOR PORTRAYING RICHARD III

Argh! Mmm!

ACTOR PORTRAYING RICHARD III

But I'm not very good at it.

[CAPTION-CASTING RICHARD]

PRESENTER

Now this is interesting. This guy's toned down Richard's physical impairment, perhaps to make it a less significant part of the character. He also looks pretty dapper. Let's hope he's rotten on the inside.

ACTOR PORTRAYING RICHARD III

I am determined to prove a villain and hate the idle pleasures of

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these days.

WOMAN IN PATTERNED TOP

Great stuff, so do you have an agent at all?

ACTOR PORTRAYING RICHARD III

I did, but I killed him and ate him.

WOMAN IN PATTERNED TOP

No agent. Good.

[CAPTION-CASTING RICHARD]

PRESENTER

Richard says that he looks so lamely and unfashionable, dogs bark at him as he passes by. I'm not sure this is quite what he meant.

WOMAN IN PATTERNED TOP

No!

PRESENTER

Wow! This guy's really gone to town. Richard is hungry for power, so the mad dictator vibe could be perfect.

ACTOR PORTRAYING RICHARD III

To set my brother Clarence and the King in deadly hate, the one against the other.

WOMAN IN PATTERNED TOP

Thanks for that. So what made you decide to audition today?

ACTOR PORTRAYING RICHARD III

Well since those pesky rebels toppled my Government, I'm ashamed to say I've been a little bit bored.

WOMAN IN PATTERNED TOP

Right.

ACTOR PORTRAYING RICHARD III

God I'd kill for a coffee.

[CAPTION-CASTING RICHARD]