

The Tempest

Creative Writing: Casting a Spell

One day, Antonio decided to take a voyage. With him on this voyage were Alonso who was the King of Naples, his brother Sebastian, and Alonso's son Ferdinand. There was also Gonzalo, a lord at Alonso's court, the King's jester Trinculo, Stephano the butler, and the ship's crew. The voyage began well enough; however the ship passed close to Prospero's island and, sensing the presence of his disloyal brother, Prospero used magic to create a dreadful storm or tempest. The ship was destroyed and the voyagers washed to shore.

Activity

Write the spell from Prospero's books that created the tempest. You will need to think about all of the parts of the storm you wish your spell to include e.g. rain, lightning, and wind etc. For example: Raise the water from the sea or whip the wind through the trees. You can add pictures to go with your spell if you want to.



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Vocabulary

voyage (n) - a long journey, especially by ship, or in space

jester (n) - a professional fool or clown, especially at a medieval court

butler (n) - a male servant having charge of the wines and alcoholic drinks

disloyal (adj) - not loyal or not supporting someone who you should support