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### **Kate's Final Speech Activity**

Read the Kate's Speech to Bianca and the Widow (V.ii.145-188). Then answer the following questions on your own:

1. What is Kate saying about how wives should treat their husbands?

2. What makes her say and think these things?

Now, find a partner. With your partner, compare your answers to questions 1 and 2. Then, answer the following questions together (both of you write on your own worksheet):

3. Has Kate changed since the beginning of the play? If so, how?

4. Are there specific parts of her speech that you agree with or disagree with? Explain your thinking.

5. Does anything that Kate talks about relate to the present day (news stories, popular culture, etc.)?

## **Re-Write Kate's Speech**

In this final scene, everyone is finally listening to Kate, and she gets to give a long, passionate speech about how women should act. But Kate is no longer the strong, independent, and difficult to love woman that we met in the beginning of the play.

With your partner, think about how you could give the control back to Kate. If she was still strong, independent, and in control, what would she say in this speech?

**On a separate sheet of paper, re-write Kate's speech to the women, as if Kate was still independent and in control:**

- **Your new version of the speech should be at least 20 lines long.**
- **The speech should show Kate's independence and freedom**
- **If you'd like to include some lines for other characters, you may do that as well**