OBJECTIVE
To understand the genre of romantic comedy and to explore how "Twelfth Night" meets the criteria for romantic comedy.

BACKGROUND
Romantic Comedies are characterized by the following:
1. Themes of love and desire
2. Plot devices including:
   > Frustration of true love
   > Journey by a loved one
   > Improbable or magical event
   > Resolution in marriage arising from a discovery about identity
   > Overcoming of obstacles to fulfill erotic desire
   > Use of a setting in nature where a confusion of values and relationships occurs
3. Commentary on the following:
   > Tyranny
   > Patriarchal rule
   > Material matters
   > Religious oppositions
   > Anxieties about gender
4. Female characters who address the main themes and values
5. Jokes and puns
6. Physical humor
7. A subplot in which "clowns" parody the main themes
8. Heteroerotic and homoerotic subplots
9. Platonic love and sexual love

WHAT TO DO
Compare the play "Twelfth Night" with the criteria for a Romantic Comedy.
Pick one criterion and demonstrate how it is satisfied by:
   > Choosing lines and scenes
   > Writing a paragraph or essay
   > Making a storyboard
   > Role playing
   > Making a timeline
   > Making a chart, table, or poster