**Act V: Understanding Foil Characters**

Viola and Malvolio are foils – characters who set off each other’s personalities by virtue of their obvious differences. The contrast brings out the distinctive qualities of each character and often highlights an important way in which they are alike. Complete the diagram below to show the ways in which Viola and Malvolio are opposites and one important way in which they are alike. Then answer the questions that follow.

**Olivia**  **BOTH** **Malvolio**

In the VENN Diagram above, list all of the qualities that are unique to Olivia and Malvolio and then list the qualities that they have in common.

**Reflection Question**

What do you think is revealed through understanding that these two characters are connected through both their opposite and similar nature? What does it reveal about gender? About class?

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