

## Study Questions

### *A Winter's Tale*

1. Why does Antigonus have to die?
2. What is the significance of Perdita's and Polixenes' discussion about flowers?
3. Why does Shakespeare keep Hermione "dead" but alive for 16 years?
4. What is the significance of Paulina's role in the play?
5. How does Autolycus function in the play?
6. Why are there so many new characters introduced in Act IV?
7. What does the genre of tragicomedy have to do with the themes of the play?