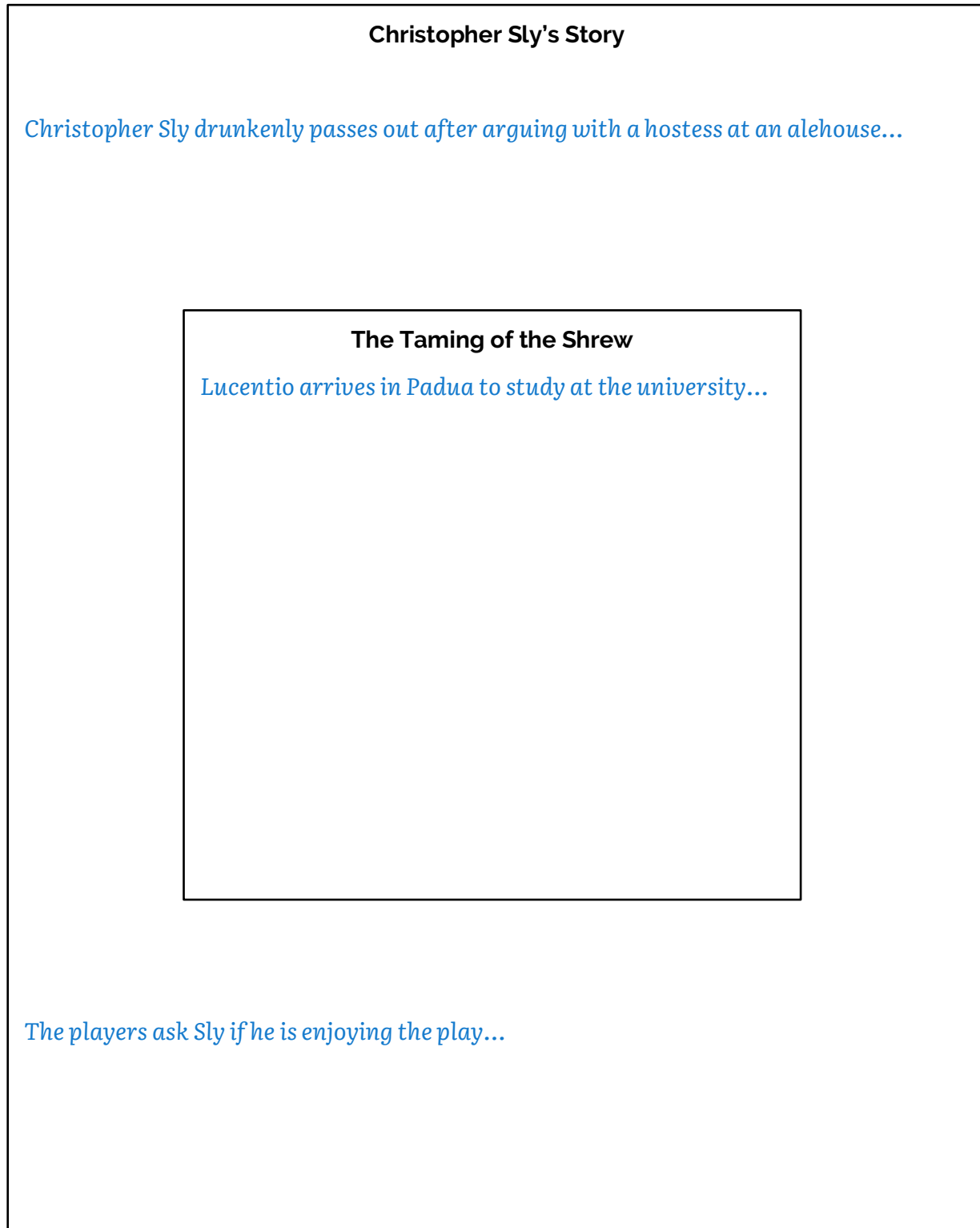




The Taming of the Shrew Text Structure

A **frame story** is a story set within another story. Complete the diagram to show how Christopher Sly's story frames the main story in *The Taming of the Shrew* in the Induction and Act 1, scene 1.



Answer Key

Sample Student Response

Christopher Sly's Story

Christopher Sly drunkenly passes out after arguing with a hostess at an alehouse. A Lord decides to trick Sly and convince him that he is a lord. A troupe of players arrives and begins to perform a play for Sly, who is awake and is now convinced he is a lord.

The Taming of the Shrew

Lucentio arrives in Padua to study at the university; he sees and overhears Baptista, Bianca, and Katherine. Baptista is telling Bianca's suitors that she cannot wed until her older sister, Katherine, is married. After Baptista and his daughters leave, Bianca's suitors agree to find someone to marry Katherine as well as tutors for Bianca. Lucentio falls in love with Bianca after seeing her and decides that he will pretend to be a tutor while his servant, Tranio, pretends to be him.

The players ask Sly if he is enjoying the play; he says he is but that he looks forward to it ending so he can be alone with his wife.