

Dramatis Personae for *Doctor Faustus*

Faustus - The main character of the story. Once a brilliant scholar and professor at Wittenberg, his interest in the dark arts and necromancy lead him to a deal with Lucifer. In this pact, he surrenders his soul for twenty-four years of luxury and power on earth. Self-doubt, repentance and fear gnaw his soul frequently throughout the play, but it is not until the very end that he realizes the folly of his actions.

Valdes/Cornelius - Friends of Faustus. Infamous for practicing magic and sorcery, they persuade him to join them in studying necromancy.

Wagner - Servant to Faustus. He is faithful to Faustus till the end and receives all of his money and property.

Mephostophilis -The principal devil that lured Faustus into selling his soul. As part of the deal between Lucifer and Faustus, Mephostophilis acted as Faustus's servant for twenty-four years, granting his every wish.

Lucifer - Monarch of Hell. He is delighted to receive Faustus's once devout soul into his dominions in exchange for twenty-four years of luxurious life.

Beelzebub - Assistant devil to Lucifer.

Good Angel/Evil Angel - They frequently accompany Faustus and advise him on a course of action. They represent the struggle between good and evil in his soul.

The Seven Deadly Sins - Appear at Lucifer's command before Faustus for his entertainment.

Clown/Robin - Acts as a servant for Wagner, interested in the dark arts; Mephostophilis punishes him by giving him an ape's face.

Dick - Stable boy that Mephostophilis turns into a dog because he stole Faustus's magic book.

Rafe - Dick's partner in crime; similarly punished by Mephostophilis.

Vintner - Innocent witness to Dick, Rafe Robin's devilish mischief.

Carter - Faustus tricks this man by eating all of his hay for only three farthings.

Chorus - Acts as narrator and interpreter of the story for the audience.

The Pope - Faustus plays tricks on this "proud" Pope by releasing a political prisoner right under his nose.

Bruno - Political/religious prisoner that Faustus releases to cause mischief in Rome; later becomes Pope in Germany.

Raymond, King of Hungary - Assistant to the Pope; fooled by Faustus and Mephostophilis.

Charles, the German Emperor - Greatly entertained by Faustus; commands to see various spirits.

Martino/ Frederick/ Benvolio - Officers at the Emperor's court; they are severely punished by the devils for scoffing at Faustus's magical powers and attempting to kill him.

Duke/Duchess of Vanholt - Guests entertained by Faustus.

Old Man - Devout Christian who pleads with Faustus to save his soul; serves as a foil against Faustus' sin-loving ways.

Spirits in the shapes of Alexander the Great, Darius, Paramour and Helen of Troy - Summoned by Faustus to entertain his guests.

Scholars, soldiers, devils, courtiers, cardinals, monks, cupids, Saxony