

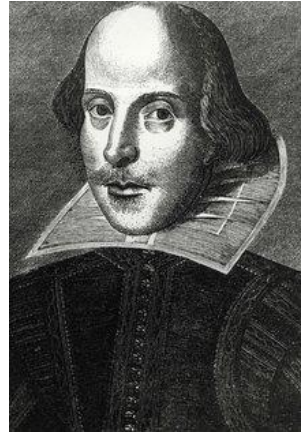
Shakespeare 2.0

Most Common (Quiz Bowl) Things

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Poetry

- “The Phoenix and the Turtle” - which is about the ill-fated love between two birds (“truth and beauty buried be”)
- “The Rape of Lucrece” -which is about how Tarquin causes Lucrece to kill herself



Poetry, Part II

- 154 sonnets, addressed to the Fair Youth, the Dark Lady, and the Rival Poet
- Iambic Pentameter
- Sonnet 18 - "Shall I compare thee to a summer's day?"
- Sonnet 130- "My mistress's eyes are nothing like the sun"
- "Shall I not add impediments...", "Does anyone object?"

Plays:

Characters and Clues

Hamlet, Prince of Denmark



Characters:

Hamlet: Title Prince of Denmark, during a duel with Laertes, he kills uncle Claudius, and Polonius, calls himself a “rogue and peasant slave”, rewrites a letter so his friends will be killed, Oedipus

Claudius: “Fishmonger”, stabbed through the arras, poured hebenon into Hamlet’s father’s ear

Gertrude: Apparently promiscuous

Polonius: Ophelia’s father, stabbed through a tapestry in Gertrude’s room for eavesdropping (“An eye like Mars”, “closet scene”)

Ophelia: Hamlet tells her to “get thee to a nunnery” before he kills her father, and she drowns herself, “hey non, nonny, nonny”

Hamlet, Cont.

Rosencrantz (and Guildenstern): Wins repeated bets that the coin will end with heads up (Tom Stoppard)

Extras:

Thomas Kyd proposed an “Ur-” version of the play-critiqued as an artistic failure by T. S. Eliot

Shakespeare played the ghost of Hamlet’s father

Elsinore Castle

“Graveyard scene”- Hamlet pick up Yorick’s skull

“Neither a borrower nor a lender be”

“Arms against the sea of troubles”

“Frailty, thy name is woman”

“A rat! A rat!”

Macbeth, Thane of Cawdor



Characters:

Macbeth: Kills Duncan at wife's request ("what's done, is done"), Thane of Glamis

Lady Macbeth: "screw your courage to the sticking place", sleepwalking scene and washing blood off her hands ("out da*mned spot"), is willing to bash in a baby's head, wants to be "unsexed", kills herself

Macduff: Thane of Fief, "Not of woman born", kills Macbeth fulfilling the witches's prophecy, sad when "all his pretty ones" die (chickens, "one fell swoop"), hims and Lennox loudly knock at the gate

King Duncan: killed by Macbeth, was said that it would be hard for him to die

Macbeth, Cont.

Banquo (son Fleance): Killed by Macbeth, when Fleance escapes, Macbeth sees Banquo's ghost

Witches (Hecate): All have beards, "double, double, toil and trouble"

"How Many Children Had Lady Macbeth?"- L. C. Knights

"Too full o' th' milk of human kindness"

"Tomorrow, and tomorrow, and tomorrow creeps in this petty pace from day to day"

The Scottish play

"Life is but a walking shadow"

"Something wicked this way comes"

Macbeth is told he will not die until Birnam Wood comes to his castle, Dunsinane

Othello, Moor of Venice



Characters:

Othello: General, thought to have been killed in a storm but ship survived, smothered wife at Iago's word (convinced she is having an affair with Cassio) and then stabs himself, thinks horns are growing out of his head, said to be making the "beast with two backs" with Desdemona

Desdemona: Daughter of Brabantio and wife of Othello

Iago: conspires with Rogerio to get revenge against Cassio by placing Desdemona's handkerchief in his bed

Bianca and Emilia: prostitute and lover of Cassio; stole the handkerchief used to make Desdemona look unfaithful

Othello, Cont.

Brabantio is furious that “an old black ram” is “tupping his white ewe”

“Green-eyed monster”

Strawberry/witchcraft motif (two-hundred year old Egyptian sibyl)

King Lear



Characters:

King Lear: “Look, look a mouse!”, “Blow, wind, and crack your cheeks!”, is told he would make a good fool (seven stars), goes mad

Goneril, Regan, Cordelia: Cordelia is banished and Goneril and Regan get the kingdom

Fool

Merchant of Venice



Characters:

Antonio: Merchant, Bassanio (supposedly his lover) asks him for money to court Portia

Shylock: A Jewish money lender, he sues Antonio a “pound of flesh”, “Hath not a Jew eyes?”

Portia: Her hand is going to be given if the suitor picks the right/lead casket. The Princesses don’t pick the lead, but Bassanio does. Escapes as Balthazar the lawyer (“quality of mercy is not strain’d”)

Jessica/Lorenzo: Jessica always talks to the servant Lancelot and steals her mother’s turquoise ring to marry Lorenzo

Nerissa is Stephano (clerk, marries Gratiano)

As You Like It



Characters:

Rosalind: Plays Ganymede, Ends up with Orlando, flees Arden with Touchstone and Celia (Aliena, marries Oliver)

Orlando de Boys: falls in love with Rosalind the first time he sees her. When she disappears, he goes around and posts love poems on trees, wins a wrestling match against Charles, much to Oliver's dismay (Orlando saves Oliver from a lioness)

Jaques de Boys: "Seven Ages of Man" speech ("All the world's a stage", "Sans teeth, sans eyes, sans taste, sans everything"), mourns a slaughtered deer in the forest

Touchstone the Fool: Marries Audrey

Forest of Arden, Four Weddings (Phebe and Silvus)

Much Ado About Nothing



Characters:

Beatrice and Benedick: in a “merry war”, “the savage bull doth bear the yoke” says Benedick, who never wants to get married, Beatrice calls Benedick a very dull man and a jester, “Sigh no more, ladies”

Hero: Leonato’s daughter, At her wedding to Claudio (presided by Friar Francis), she faints after hearing herself called a “rotten orange”, fakes her death in Don John’s scheme

Claudio: Slings “Pardon, Goddess of the Night” at Hero’s fake grave

Dogberry, Ursula, Margaret (sleeps with Borachio (“remember I am an a*s”) in Don John’s scheme to make Hero seem unfaithful), Masked party, “Hey Nonny, Nonny”, Messina, Nothing, “How much hath he killed? For I promised to eat all his killings?”

Richard III



Richard (hunchback) dies in the Battle of Bosworth Field, ending the War of the Roses.

“Alack, I love myself”, no, “Alas, I hate myself”

“Now is the winter of our discontent made glorious summer by this York son” (Gloucester/Richard III)

Colby Cibber’s addition adds the line, “Off with his head! So much for Buckingham”

“A horse! A horse! My kingdom for a horse!”

“If I cannot prove a lover...I am determined to prove a villain”

George, Duke of Clarence is drown in a vat of wine, woos Annie Neville (after standing next to her husband, Edward of Westminster’s, coffin)

Extra

Fools: Touchstone, Fool (King Lear), Yorick (Hamlet)

Two Gentlemen of Verona: One of the Gentlemen is called a chameleon and states he would rather drink the other's blood than breath the same air.