

## WHAT DO YOU REMEMBER OF WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE?

- 1. He was born during the reign of a Queen. Who was she?
- 2. What kind of school did he attend when he was a child?
- 3. Who did he marry? How many children did they have?
- 4. What years are called the 'lost years' of William Shakespeare' life?
- 5. When are his sonnets commonly used nowadays?
- 6. He belonged to The Lord Chamberlain's Men who built their own theatre. What was its name?
- 7. When did his company become the King's Men?
- 8. How many sonnets did he write?
- 9. Can you say the name of 4 tragedies?
- 10. And 4 comedies?

#### **ANSWERS**

- 1. Queen Elizabeth I.
- 2. The local grammar school.
- 3. Anne Hathaway. They had three children.
- 4. The period between Shakespeare setting off London as an unknown and his emergence a few years later.
- 5. At weddings and at funerals.
- 6. The Globe.
- 7. During the reign of King James I (VI of Scotland).
- **8**. 154.
- 9. Hamlet, Julius Caesar, King Lear, Macbeth, Othello, Romeo and Juliet.
- 10. As you like it, The Comedy of Errors, A midsummer Night's Dream, Much Ado About Nothing, The Taming of the Shrew.



#### 'The Lost Years'

- Video Bill: Giving Shakespeare a twist, Horrible Histories style
- For many, the 'lost years' of William Shakespeare's life are a source of great wonder.
- No historical record exists of the period in-between Shakespeare setting off for London as an unknown, and his emergence a few years later as a great writer.
- Now a film sets out to provide their own interpretation of what might have happened. The team who brought much medieval mirth to your screens in Horrible Histories have come together to make their first feature film, called Bill.
- http://www.bbc.com/news/av/entertainment-arts-34257368/bill-givingshakespeare-a-twist-horrible-histories-style

# SHAKESPEARE WROTE PLAYS SO THAT PEOPLE WOULD BE ENTERTAINED. HE WANTED PEOPLE TO HAVE FUN. YOU'LL FIND SCENES TO MAKE YOU LAUGH AND SCENES TO MAKE YOU CRY....OFTEN WITHIN THE SAME PLAY!!

- Now, you are going to read 8 'clues' that Will help you guess the play:
- 1. In this comedy we can find magic, dreams, fairies, crazy mix-ups...The human world gets confused with the fairies world and things get worse when the fairies are not careful at all with the love potion.
- It takes places in Athens. Its main characters are: Oberon, who is the King of fairies. Titania, the queen of the fairies. Theseus, the duke of Athens. Hippolita, the queen of the Amazons, who is engaged to Theseus. Then Puck, Oberon's jester.

- 2. One of Shakespeare's tragedies. What does it mean? It means that it has an unhappy ending in which the hero dies (apart from many other people).
- The King of Britain is close to death and he expresses his wish to divide his kingdom into his three daughters:

  Goneril, Regan and the youngest one, Cordelia.
- There is a tremendous thunderstorm in Act 3 which symbolizes the King's rage and the chaos in his mind.

- 3. Probably his last complete play, according to most Shakespeare experts.
- It starts with a storm which strikes a ship. As for the protagonists, the main one is Prospero, Miranda's father. Then we find Ariel who is Prospero's helper.
- 4. There have been lots of versions of this story. It takes place in Verona and Mantua, cities in Northern Italy.
- The story is based on the hopeless love between two Young people who are supposed to be enemies since their families are relentless enemies.

- 5. It is a romantic comedy. The female protagonist, Katherine Minola, is not well treated until she becomes quiet and obedient. Petruchio, the male protagonist, tries to control her.
- 6. It is a tragedy which takes place in Denmark.
- The main character is its Prince, who is full of hatred for his uncle, Claudius since the prince's father's spirit has told him that he was murdered by him. Therefore the protagonist seeks revenge on his uncle.
- The most important quote ever in the English language: To be or not to be, that is the question'.

- → 7. It is a historical drama which takes place in the Ancient Rome.
- The protagonist, who gives his name to the play, was the absolute ruler of Rome and was assassinated by a group of conspirators.
- 8. In this comedy the two main characters are identical twins and each one has an identical twin called Dromio.
- In the end all the problems are solved.

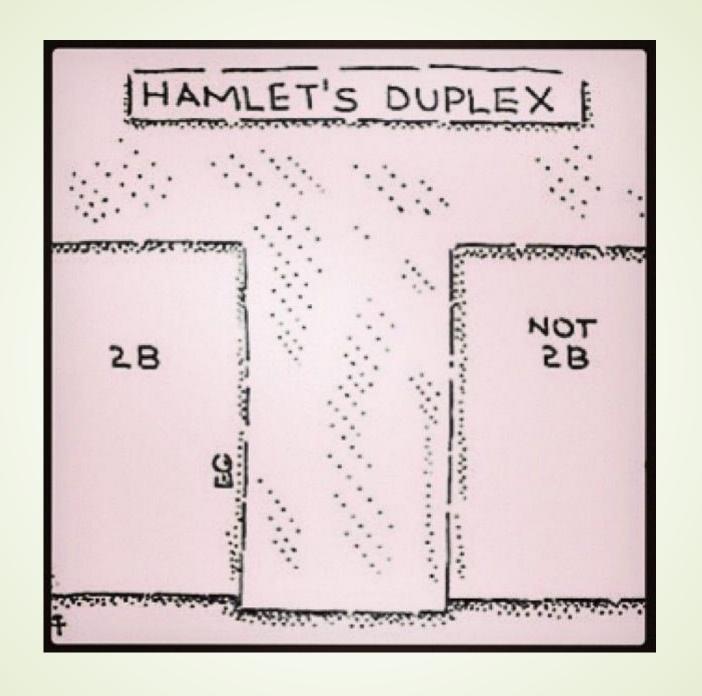
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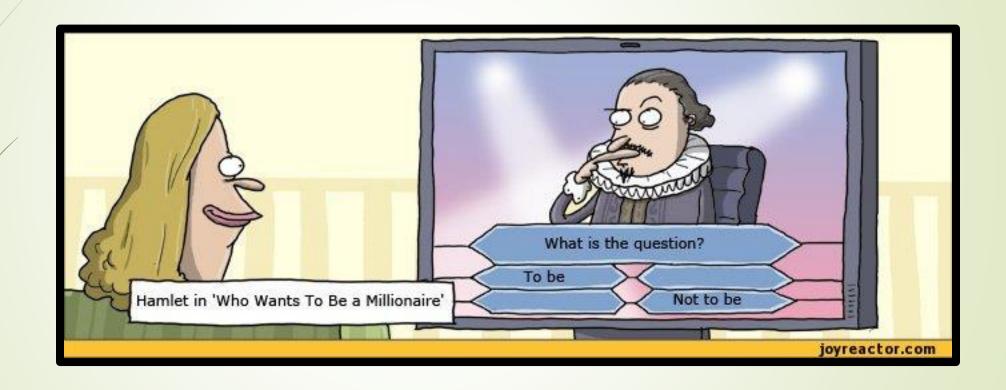
- 1. A Midsummer Night's Dream.
- 2. King Lear.
- 3. The Tempest.
- 4. Romeo and Juliet.
- 5. The Taming of the Shrew.
- ► 6. Hamlet.
- 7. Julius Caesar.
- 8. The Comedy of Errors.

#### **SOME JOKES**









#### **QUOTES BY SHAKESPEARE**

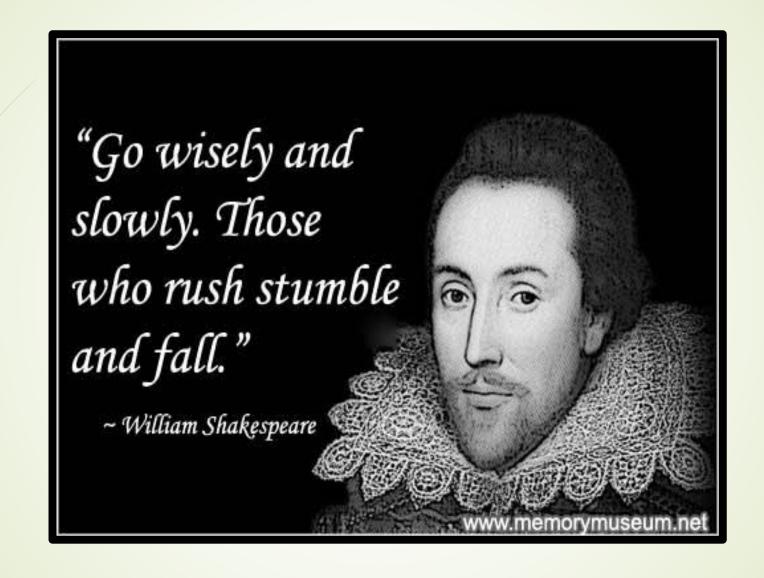
"HAVE MORE
THAN YOU SHOW,
SPEAK LESS
THAN YOU KNOW."

- William Shakespeare, King Lear

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### Shakespeare said:

I always feel happy, You know why? Because I don't expect anything from anyone, Expectations always hurt.. Life is short, So love your life, Be happy.. & Keep smiling. Just live for yourself & Before you speak, Listen. Before you write, Think. Before you spend, Earn. Before you pray, Forgive. Before you hurt, Feel. Before you hate, Love. Before you quit, Try. Before you die, Live.





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"Time is very slow for those who wait
Very fast for those who are scared
very long for those who lament
Very short for those who celebrate
But for those who love, time is eternal"

~ William Shakespeare

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