

William Shakespeare was an English playwright and poet who lived from 1564-1616. He wrote around 36 plays! Some of them were comedies, some were tragedies, some were histories, and some were magical romances. He grew up in a town called Stratford-upon-Avon and then he moved to London. The time in between when he lived in Stratford and London are called "The Lost Years" because we do not know where he was or what he was doing. William Shakespeare went to grammar school when he was young. He learned about history and religion and ancient languages like Greek and Latin. He used his knowledge to write his famous plays, like King Henry V, Julius Caesar, and Romeo & Juliet!

A Day in the Life of Young William Shakespeare Madlib!

Today I woken up at _____ (time). It was still _____
(adjective) outside! It was time to go to school. Thou knowest, my favorite
thing to study is _____ (noun) and my least favorite is
_____ (another noun). I get to school by _____
(type of transportation). Today thy teacher made us read
_____ (book). I was feeling very, very _____
(emotion) and it was hard for me to focus in class. I got in trouble! The
teacher told me to _____ (verb) as a punishment. It was so
_____ (adjective)! It was time to go home and do mine and
thine chores. My chores are _____ (adverb),
_____ (another adverb), and _____
(another adverb)! Doing chores makes me feel _____ (emotion).
At dinner I sat next to my _____ (family member) and told
them all about my day. Then I felt very _____ (emotion) and
went to bed!

*Adjective: Description Word Noun: Person/Place/Thing Verb: Action
Word Adverb: Action word ending in -ly*

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As we mentioned before, William Shakespeare wrote four different types of plays: Comedies, Tragedies, Histories, and Romances. Below we have a famous example of each type.

Comedies: Funny plays that usually end in weddings!

One of Shakespeare's most famous comedies is *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. There are mischievous fairies, bumbling goofy actors, and very mixed-up lovers. The fairies use their magic to make everyone confused, but by the end of the crazy night, everything turns out okay!

Tragedies: Sad plays that usually end with lots of people dying!

One of the most famous plays in the world is Shakespeare's tragedy *Hamlet*. It's about a prince named Hamlet who is summoned home from college when his father has been killed and his mother marries his uncle, who steals the throne. Hamlet has to figure out his father's murder and what to do to bring peace to his country.

Histories: Plays about English history that usually focus on war!

Henry V is one of Shakespeare's most famous war plays. Henry V is a warrior king who takes the English troops to France to win battles and territory for his country.

Romances: Magical plays that usually end in family reunions!

One of the last plays that Shakespeare wrote was a romance called *The Tempest*. It's about a wizard named Prospero who has been banished to a magical island. He uses his magic to bring families together and forgives people who have wronged him.

GUESS THE QUOTE!

1. "We are such stuff as dreams are made on..."

Play: _____

2. "Lord what fools these mortals be!"

Play: _____

3. "To be or not to be, that is the question"

Play: _____

4. "Once more unto the breach, dear friends, once more!"

Play: _____

5. "We few, we happy few, we band of brothers"

Play: _____

6. "This above all, to thine own self be true"

Play: _____

7. "Though she be but little, she is fierce!"

Play: _____

8. "Misery acquaints a man with strange bedfellows"

Play: _____

9. "The play's the thing!"

Play: _____

10. "I would not any companion in the world but you"

Play: _____

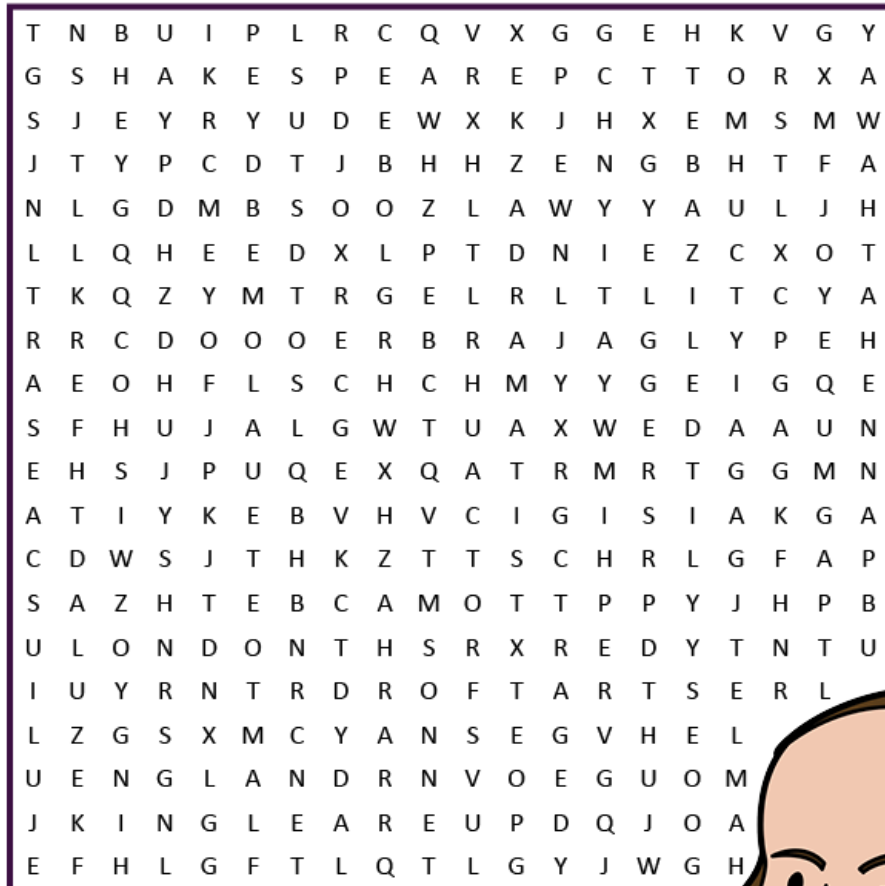
11. "O for a muse of fire"

Play: _____

12. "If we shadows have offended, think but this and all is mended"

Play: _____

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 POET
 QUEEN
 SHAKESPEARE
 SONNET
 STAGE
 STRATFORD
 THE TEMPEST
 THEATER
 TRAGEDY
 TROUPE
 WILLIAM

ACTOR
 ANNE HATHAWAY
 BARD
 COMEDY
 DRAMATIST
 ELIZABETH
 ENGLAND
 GLOBE
 HAMLET
 HISTORY
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