

# Shakespeare

## Unit Study for Grades 7-12

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### Books

### How to Use This Study

This unit study contains a list of resources and activities for you to use in your studies. Choose those that will best suit your students, time, and learning environment.

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### Adapting to Other Ages

- Younger learners may read Shakespeare Retold by E. Nesbit. The plays are told in a story format. Allow them to create a puppet show retelling their favorite story.

### Choose a Play

#### By William Shakespeare

- Choose one of the plays to read aloud together with your students. Choose one you will all enjoy.
- I recommend using the No Fear books from Spark Notes as they have a modern day translation with the original to help with comprehension, available on [SCRIBD](https://www.scribd.com)

### Kill Shakespeare

#### By Conor McCreery & Anthony Del Col

- This dark take on the Bard pits his greatest heroes (Hamlet, Juliet, Othello, Falstaff) against his most menacing villains (Richard III, Lady Macbeth, Iago) in an epic adventure to find and kill a reclusive wizard named William Shakespeare.
- Available digitally on Google Play



### Games

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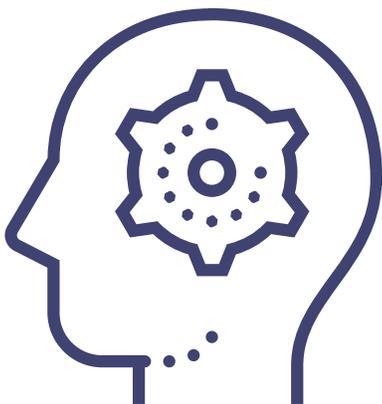
### Kill Shakespeare

#### IDW Games

- Players will take on the role of Hamlet, Othello, Viola, Falstaff or Juliet and go on quests assigned by the bard himself in order to stop Lady Macbeth and Richard III from taking over the land and killing Shakespeare.

### Alternate Game Suggestions

- Council of Verona
- Munchkin Shakespeare
- Midsummer
- Othello
- Shakespeare





## Activities

### Globe Theater

#### Virtual Tour

- Shakespeare's Globe is now closed to the public, but you can still tour the Globe Theatre from the comfort of your own home with our interactive 360 degrees virtual tour below, with photos, videos and audible wonder to guide you along the way.
- Draw a diagram of the Globe Theater.

#### Reading

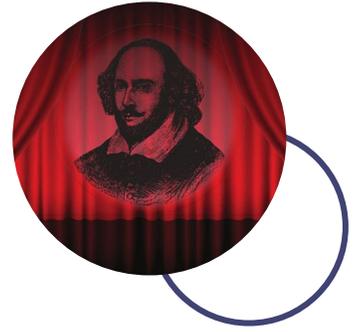
- Discuss the format of a play and how to read it.
- Read the play aloud together, taking different roles.
- Have your students read the other book on their own.
- Have open discussions about the books as they are read.

#### Board Game Activities

- Play Kill Shakespeare the board game. It is a 2-3 hour game plus time to teach, so this may take more than one sitting.
- Discuss The characters in the board game and how they differed from the characters in the plays. How were they the same?
- In the game Shakespeare is powerful because he can control what happens to the characters through the use of his pen. Discuss the control an author has on the world they write about.
- Have students write a story in which the characters are aware of the author writing it.

#### Hands-on Activities

- Have students prepare a reenactment of a scene from the play they read. Allow them to present it creatively. They may utilize acting, puppetry, video, or any other method they come up with.



### The Treacherous World Of The Real Tudor Home

#### By Absolute History on YouTube

- Watch the video.
- Discuss life in Shakespeare's time. How was it different from our life now and how was it the same?

#### Film Analysis

- Choose a film adaptation of the play you are reading.
- Discuss the similarities and differences between the play and the movie if the movie is based on the play and not a direct performance.
- Discuss the changes and liberties the director made in the film. Did it affect the story? Did it make the story more relatable to today's audience?

#### Writing Sonnets

##### No Sweat Shakespeare

- Read some of Shakespeare's sonnets.
- Learn how a sonnet is written.
- Have students write a sonnet of their own.
- Have students present their sonnet orally.
- You can find all this information on the No Sweat Shakespeare website.

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