



SHAKESPEARE NOTEBOOK

Shakespeare Notebook Pages

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Notebook Pages for many of Shakespeare's major works are provided for student to complete independently. These can be used along with the original plays, the plays in story form, or the plays in movie form.

Read and/or watch the plays with your child, and then let him complete report on his own. You may want to first discuss what is expected on the reports.

Give your students the following information to help them complete the notebook pages:

Kind of Play: Shakespeare wrote a variety of different kinds of plays. On the top of the report page is a place to record the kind of work (A _____ by William Shakespeare). Discuss the different kinds of works with student.

Romance – a form of literature that presents life as we would like it to be rather than how it actually is. A romance usually involves adventure, love, and excitement.

Comedy – a form of literature, which is concerned with man's inability to deal with reality. Human errors or problems appear funny.

Tragedy – a literary work in which the hero is destroyed by some flaw within his character and by forces which he cannot control.

History – a form of literature based on facts, but often times embellished for entertainments sake.

Setting: The setting of the story is where and when it takes place.

Characters: You will meet many interesting characters in the works of Shakespeare. Record the Main Characters on Notebook Page, as well as some of their traits. Record both physical traits, which tell what a person

looks like, and character traits, which tell what a person acts like. You may also want to mention whether the character was a human or a mythological being.

Brief Summary: Sum up the complete story in a couple of sentences.

Conflict and Resolution: Conflict is the clashing or colliding of thoughts, feelings, or actions in a story. There are five basic types of conflict. As you read and/or watch each work, decide what kind of conflict is present.

Man vs. Man: this is when one character in the story has a problem with one or more other characters in the story.

Man vs. Society: this is when a character has a conflict or problem with some element of society. It could be problems with school, the law, the accepted way of doing things, etc.

Man vs. Himself: this type of conflict comes up when a character has trouble deciding what to do in a given situation.

Man vs. Nature: this is when a character has a problem with some natural occurrence, such as a snowstorm, an avalanche, a volcano, etc.

Man vs. Fate (God): This is when a character battles what seems like uncontrollable, coincidental problems.

My Review: Describe what you did and/or didn't like about the work.

Optional Book List:

Beautiful Stories from Shakespeare for Children by E. Nesbitt

Tales From Shakespeare by Charles & Mary Lamb

William Shakespeare and the Globe by Alik

Bard of Avon: The Story of William Shakespeare by Diane Stanley

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A Midsummer Night's Dream

A _____ by William Shakespeare

Setting: _____

Main Characters and their Traits:

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Brief Summary of Work:

Which kind of conflict was present in *A Midsummer Night's Dream*? (Circle one)

Man vs. Man Man vs. Society Man vs. Himself Man vs. Nature Man vs. Fate (God)

Describe the conflict as well as the resolution:

A Midsummer Night's Dream

What was Shakespeare saying about human nature in this work?

Copy quote from *A Midsummer Night's Dream* in your best handwriting:

The course of true love,

Never did run smooth.

Vocabulary Words I Didn't Know:

My Review of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*:





As You Like It

A _____ by William Shakespeare

Setting: _____

Main Characters and their Traits:

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Brief Summary of Work:

Which kind of conflict was present in *As You Like It*? (Circle one)

Man vs. Man Man vs. Society Man vs. Himself Man vs. Nature Man vs. Fate (God)

Describe the conflict as well as the resolution:

As You Like It

What was Shakespeare saying about human nature in this work?

Copy quote from *As You Like It* in your best handwriting:

All the world's a stage,

And all men and women are merely players.

They have their exits and their entrances;

And one man in his time plays many parts.

Vocabulary Words I Didn't Know:

My Review of *As You Like It*:



Hamlet

A _____ by William Shakespeare

Setting: _____

Main Characters and their Traits:

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Brief Summary of Work:

Which kind of conflict was present in *Hamlet*? (Circle one)

Man vs. Man Man vs. Society Man vs. Himself Man vs. Nature Man vs. Fate (God)

Describe the conflict as well as the resolution:

Hamlet

What was Shakespeare saying about human nature in this work?

Copy quote from *Hamlet* in your best handwriting:

To be honest, as this world goes, is to be one
man picked out of ten thousand.

My Review of *Hamlet*:





King Lear

A _____ by William Shakespeare

Setting: _____

Main Characters and their Traits:

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Brief Summary of Work:

Which kind of conflict was present in *King Lear*? (Circle one)

Man vs. Man Man vs. Society Man vs. Himself Man vs. Nature Man vs. Fate (God)

Describe the conflict as well as the resolution:

King Lear

What was Shakespeare saying about human nature in this work?

Copy quote from *King Lear* in your best handwriting:

*That, sir, which serves and seeks for gain,
And follows but for form,
Will pack, when it begins to rain,
And leave thee in the storm.*

Vocabulary Words I Didn't Know:

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My Review of *King Lear*:





Macbeth

A _____ by William Shakespeare

Setting: _____

Main Characters and their Traits:

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Brief Summary of Work:

Which kind of conflict was present in *Macbeth*? (Circle one)

Man vs. Man Man vs. Society Man vs. Himself Man vs. Nature Man vs. Fate (God)

Describe the conflict as well as the resolution:

Macbeth

What was Shakespeare saying about human nature in this work?

Copy quote from *Macbeth* in your best handwriting:

*I am cabin'd, cribb'd, confined, bound in
To saucy doubts and fears.*

My Review of *Macbeth*:





Merchant of Venice

A _____ by William Shakespeare

Setting: _____

Main Characters and their Traits:

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Brief Summary of Work:

Which kind of conflict was present in *Merchant of Venice*? (Circle one)

Man vs. Man Man vs. Society Man vs. Himself Man vs. Nature Man vs. Fate (God)

Describe the conflict as well as the resolution:

Merchant of Venice

What was Shakespeare saying about human nature in this work?

Copy quote from *Merchant of Venice* in your best handwriting:

Consider this,

That, in the course of justice, none of us

Should see salvation: we do pray for mercy;

And that same prayer doth teach us all

To render the deeds of mercy.

Vocabulary Words I Didn't Know:

My Review of *Merchant of Venice*:



Much Ado About Nothing

A _____ by William Shakespeare

Setting: _____

Main Characters and their Traits:

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Brief Summary of Work:

Which kind of conflict was present in *Much Ado About Nothing*? (Circle one)

Man vs. Man Man vs. Society Man vs. Himself Man vs. Nature Man vs. Fate (God)

Describe the conflict as well as the resolution:

Much Ado About Nothing

What was Shakespeare saying about human nature in this work?

Copy quote from *Much Ado About Nothing* in your best handwriting:

In a false quarrel

There is no true valor.

Vocabulary Words I Didn't Know:

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My Review of *Much Ado About Nothing*:



Romeo and Juliet

A _____ by William Shakespeare

Setting: _____

Main Characters and their Traits:

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Brief Summary of Work:

Which kind of conflict was present in *Romeo and Juliet*? (Circle one)

Man vs. Man Man vs. Society Man vs. Himself Man vs. Nature Man vs. Fate (God)

Describe the conflict as well as the resolution:

Romeo and Juliet

What was Shakespeare saying about human nature in this work?

Copy quote from *Romeo and Juliet* in your best handwriting:

*What's in a name? That, which we call a rose,
By any other name would smell as sweet.*

Vocabulary Words I Didn't Know:

My Review of *Romeo and Juliet*:





The Taming of the Shrew

A _____ by William Shakespeare

Setting: _____

Main Characters and their Traits:

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Brief Summary of Work:

Which kind of conflict was present in *The Taming of the Shrew*? (Circle one)

Man vs. Man Man vs. Society Man vs. Himself Man vs. Nature Man vs. Fate (God)

Describe the conflict as well as the resolution:

The Taming of the Shrew

What was Shakespeare saying about human nature in this work?

Vocabulary Words I Didn't Know:

Choose your favorite quote from the play and copy it below:

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My Review of *The Taming of the Shrew*:



The Tempest

A _____ by William Shakespeare

Setting: _____

Main Characters and their Traits:

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Brief Summary of Work:

Which kind of conflict was present in *The Tempest*? (Circle one)

Man vs. Man Man vs. Society Man vs. Himself Man vs. Nature Man vs. Fate (God)

Describe the conflict as well as the resolution:

The Tempest

What was Shakespeare saying about human nature in this work?

Copy quote from *The Tempest* in your best handwriting:

We are such stuff

As dreams are made of, and our little life

Is rounded with a sleep.

Vocabulary Words I Didn't Know:

My Review of *The Tempest*:





Timon of Athens

A _____ by William Shakespeare

Setting: _____

Main Characters and their Traits:

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Brief Summary of Work:

Which kind of conflict was present in *Timon of Athens*? (Circle one)

Man vs. Man Man vs. Society Man vs. Himself Man vs. Nature Man vs. Fate (God)

Describe the conflict as well as the resolution:

Timon of Athens

What was Shakespeare saying about human nature in this work?

Copy quote from *Timon of Athens* in your best handwriting:

Ah! When the means are gone, that buy this praise,
The breath is gone whereof this praise is made:
Fast won - fast lost; one cloud of winter showers,
These flies are couched.

Vocabulary Words I Didn't Know:

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My Review of *Timon of Athens*:



Twelfth Night

A _____ by William Shakespeare

Setting: _____

Main Characters and their Traits:

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Brief Summary of Work:

Which kind of conflict was present in *Twelfth Night*? (Circle one)

Man vs. Man Man vs. Society Man vs. Himself Man vs. Nature Man vs. Fate (God)

Describe the conflict as well as the resolution:

Twelfth Night

What was Shakespeare saying about human nature in this work?

Copy quote from *Twelfth Night* in your best handwriting:

Some are born great,

Some achieve greatness,

And some have greatness thrust upon them.

Vocabulary Words I Didn't Know:

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My Review of *Twelfth Night*:
