



Course Description: Shakespeare's Greatest Lines (School Holidays)

Suitable for: Years 8-12

Prerequisites: *Poetry for Beginners* OR Any Shakespearean drama course

Duration: 3 hours a day for 5 days; **15 hours total**

About: We get it: you're busy. You don't have time to sit down for a few hours and read a play, especially one by Shakespeare, with its old-fashioned words and people saying 'thee'. If only (you imagine) someone would take the best bits from some of the plays, put them all in one place, and teach me about them.

Luckily, we have done just that. Join us for a week as we delight in speeches from Shakespeare's tragedies, comedies, and histories (we might even have time for a sonnet or two). In this course, you'll learn about the context of each speech and the play its from while paying close attention to its language. Employing your understanding of literary techniques, you'll write opinion pieces, analytical paragraphs, and creative writing responses to the speeches we read in class.

Student Writing Outcomes:

- Opinion pieces and partial essays based on the speeches read in class;
- Partial essays based on the speeches read in class; and
- Creative writing in response to the speeches read in class.

Student Learning Objectives:

- Analysing speeches and poetry within its context;
- Understanding Shakespearean language;
- Reviewing and consolidating an extensive list of techniques for poetry analysis;
- Understanding the characters, themes, and contexts of Shakespeare's plays; and
- Evaluating how Shakespeare's poetry can illuminate the present.