

The works of SHAKESPEARE

154 SONNETS 38 PLAYS COMEDIES

Some of his comedies are:

A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM
ALL'S WELL THAT ENDS WELL
MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING

HISTORIES

Some of his histories are:

HENRY THE IV PART ONE & TWO
HENRY THE VI PART ONE-THREE
RICHARD II & RICHARD III

TRAGEDIES

Some of his tragedies are:

ANTHONY AND CLEOPATRA
ROMEO AND JULIET
JULIUS CAESAR
MACBETH
HAMLET

WORDSMITH

Shakespeare is said to be responsible for the introduction of 1700 new words into the English language. Words like *amazement*, *eventful*, *majestic*, *hurry*, *generous* and *lonely* originated with The Bard. He also created many phrases that are still in use today. Some examples are: *all that glisters is not gold*, *catch a cold*, *naked truth*, *leap frog*, *breaking the ice*, and *fair play*.



A SHAKESPEAREAN SONNET

is a fourteen line poem written in iambic pentameter. Sonnets have the following rhyme scheme:

ABAB CDCD EFEF GG

SHAKESPEARE WROTE

two narrative poems when the theatres were closed in 1593: *The Rape of Lucrece* and *Venus and Adonis*.

AN IAMB IS A METRICAL FOOT OF ONE STRESSED & UNSTRESSED SYLLABLE

Penta is Greek for five. There are five *iamb*s in a line of iambic pentameter.

IAMBIC PENTAMETER

So long|as men|can breathe|or eyes|can see,
So long|lives this|and this|gives life|to thee.

Sonnet 18

Iambic Pentameter sounds like:
daDUM daDUM daDUM daDUM daDUM.

THE FIRST FOLIO

published in 1623, seven years after his death, was the first collected edition of Shakespeare's works. It contained thirty-six plays, and eighteen of these had never been published before. The publishers, John Hemminge and Henry Condell, separated the plays into Histories, Comedies and Tragedies.

