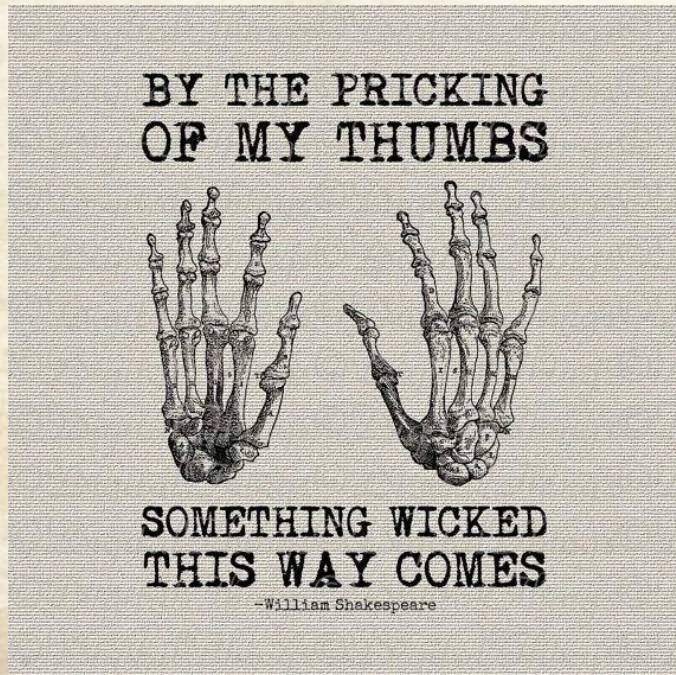


William Shakespeare

The mortal enemy of all English students



*"I would
challenge you
to a battle of
wits, but I see
you are
unarmed."*

*-William
Shakespeare*

Facts to Know

- Wrote 37 plays and 154 sonnets
- Introduced over 3000 words to the English language
- Things we say because of Shakespeare:

“Knock knock? Who’s there?”

“Heart of gold”

“Good riddance”

“Fight fire with fire”

“Seen better days”

“Too much of a good thing”

“Send him packing”

“Wear your heart on your sleeve”

“Come what may”

“The game is up”

“For goodness’ sake”

“Full circle”

“Laughing stock”

“Vanish into thin air”

“Dead as a doornail”

“Makes your hair stand on end”

“Wild goose chase”

“In a pickle”

“Break the ice”

“Off with his head”

“A sorry sight”

“Love is blind”

“A piece of work”

“Lie low”

“Breathed his last”

“So-so”

“Brave new world”

Facts to Know

- Wrote in “Modern English”
 - People didn’t actually talk the way Shakespeare wrote
- Language usage
 - Nobles speak in iambic pentameter

Facts to Know

- Shakespeare was not the only famous playwright at the time
- Only male actors at the time
- Nobles and commoners watched plays together



The World of Macbeth

- Takes place in 1100s Scotland
- A tragedy about manipulation, power, and corruption
- Important themes:
 - Gender Roles
 - Ambition & Self Control
 - Fair vs. Foul

Essential Questions

- How does one attain power? Or is it merely given?
- In what ways do people allow themselves to be manipulated? What is the effect?
- What is the importance in human relationships? How does behavior hinder or enhance those relationships?
- What consequences do people face when they don't take responsibility for their own actions?