

William Shakespeare's literary works are a turning point in the world of poetry, English, and literature. Shakespeare was most known for his plays such as *Macbeth* and *Hamlet* (History.com editors). Shakespeare's career lasted through the 1590s until his retirement in 1612 ("William Shakspeare"). William Shakespeare impacted theatrical production with his unique storyline. His influence has spanned hundreds of years, with many of the themes of his works still seen in modern literature. William Shakespeare is undoubtedly one of the most important contributors of literary history ("William Shakespeare").

I chose my topic because when conducting my research for people to do, I came across a website about Shakespeare and I was immediately intrigued with his life. I knew who Shakespeare was but not much about him and learning more about his life fascinated me. When analyzing the website I found Shakespeare's marriage in particular interesting because at the time Shakespeare was eighteen and his wife Anne Hathaway was twenty six and pregnant with their first child ("William Shakespeare Biography"). After reading that section of the website, I knew that I was interested in researching Shakespeare.

I conducted my research by searching "William Shakespeare" and I browsed around looking for websites that could be used as secondary sources. When I got deeper into the research I had trouble finding primary sources that weren't images. In the end I did end up finding a website, Shakespeare Documented, which is where I found all of my primary resources. My primary resources are all images of Shakespeare's original works. There were many options for secondary sources and the one I found most helpful was History.com and is used very often throughout my research.

In the process of designing my website I wanted to find a color that would stand out and I ended up choosing a dark blue so that my white letters would stand out. I used images for all of

the pages on my website so that it would not look dull. Images I used were found from the National Portrait Gallery and most of the images I found were primary sources.

William Shakespeare's literary works are a turning point in the world of poetry, English, and literature. Shakespeare impacted the elements of theatrical performances ("William Shakespeare"). Shakespeare influenced writers of today because there are many themes from Shakespeare's works that are commonly used in modern works ("William Shakespeare"). Shakespeare is an influential icon and an inspiration to writers, there are plenty of examples of modern day authors and poets that continue to use the themes and elements of Shakespeare's works ("Shakespeare's Biography"). Shakespeare is an important model of English literature ("William Shakespeare"). William Shakespeare changed the entirety of the English language, set a new expectation in the world of poetry, created many popular phrases and words seen in modern works, and is a leader to young poets.