

9. Shakespeare WV

- pp16-17
- Intro, 7 WV questions (1 per paragraph), conc.
- Use quotes from his plays.
- Play categories: Comedy, Tragedy, History. Use history category to get "meaning of history"
- To search all Shakespeare's plays online for free, go to <https://www.opensourceshakespeare.org/search/search-advanced.php>. Searchable DB of quotes. Be careful to get the "preponderance of the evidence" since various characters will say conflicting things. Other useful sites: <https://shakespeare.mit.edu> & <http://pinkmonkey.com/search/shakespeare.asp>.
- 2 quotes/paragraph for 7 inner paragraphs. Each paragraph must use two different plays, but you may reuse the plays in different paragraphs. Use more than just two in the paper, though.
- Of course, must have intro and conclusion, too.
- Reference format (see citation guidelines, <http://worldviewstudies.org/resources/guidelines.citation.pdf>). If DB did not have line numbers: (Hamlet 3.2.) (trailing dot correct).
- p1:
 - Intro: Introduce Shakespeare, time he lived.
 - Note that his WV comes across in the plays he wrote.
- p2: God
 - Use as his WV of God the WV of the main characters of historical plays set in his own country – such as Henry V, etc.
 - For example, use what Henry V says about winning the battle: Don't take credit....
- p3: Nature of universe: Search on "world", "stars", "heaven", "moon"
 - This does not primarily mean how he saw "outer space" or things such as that, but how he viewed nature.
 - Consider how he portrayed both the seen & unseen
 - Who did he acknowledge as creator?
 - Beautiful or ugly?
- p4: Man
 - Dual nature (body and soul or body only)?
 - Look up Adam
- p5: Basis of morality
 - God/Bible or something else?
- p6: Evil & suffering:
 - Search on evil, suffering, Adam
 - Original sin or not?

- Focus on the *origin* of evil, not just the fact that evil is in the world.
- p7: Life after death: Hamlet very Rominish because England is just moving away from Rome.
- p8: History: Search "history", "past", "forebears", "forefathers", "ancestors". He has a high value of past – he wrote a lot of historical plays. Henry IV, V, etc.
- p9: Conc