

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 <http://www.rhymezone.com/shakespeare>. Other useful sites: www.williamshakespeare.com/plays.php & <http://pinkmonkey.com/search/shakespeare.asp>. Searchable DB of quotes. Be careful to get the "preponderance of the evidence" since various characters will say conflicting things.
- 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
 - Good or bad? Consider the play Hamlet. Was Hamlet going insane, or was he pretending to go insane? That affects how you interpret the lines. If he was pretending, then the person who took the throne would not see him as a threat (Hamlet was legitimate heir to the throne) and let him live.
 - Dual nature?
 - Look up Adam

- p5: Basis of morality
- p6: Evil & suffering:
 - Search on evil, suffering, Adam
 - Original sin or not?
- 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