

## Activity 1 - Start getting used to the slang...

(Optional: make it a game: join a team and try to guess the meaning, then do the research in class and find who the winning team is!)

In the left column you can see a collection of phrases and sayings found in Shakespeare's writings and still in use today. Do some research and find out and write each meaning in the right column.

- IN STITCHES
- IN THE TWINKLING OF AN EYE
- LIE LOW
- LOVE IS BLIND
- MAKE YOUR HAND STAND ON END
- MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING
- NIGHT OWL
- SEND SOMEONE PACKING
- THE GAME IS UP
- UP IN ARMS
- VANISH INTO THIN AIR
- WEAR YOUR HEART ON YOUR SLEEVE

- To be in stitches means to laugh very hard possibly to the point of begin in pain.
- If something happens in the twinkling of an eye, it happens very quickly
- is described as keeping silent and avoiding attracting attention
- is one of the most common comments people make about what people who are in love do, and how they behave.
- is used to describe something that is so frightening or shocking that it causes a person's hair to stand on end.
- a lot of fuss about nothing or a big fuss about nothing
- Can be credited with the first written use of it in relation to people who prefer to be active at night
- Falstaff will tell the guy to scam, vamoose, get lost
- as a means of expressing that all was lost.
- is to be equipped with weapons and armor
- It refers to something that has completely disappeared so completely that it is as if it has become part of the air

When someone behaves in a way that makes their feelings very obvious.

## Activity 2 – Shakespearean Magical Characters.

Do some research and solve this crossword



- 1- a clever, mischievous jester to the King of fairies (AMND)
- 2- A half human, son of a witch, who inhabited an island before humans arrived on it due to a shipwreck. (TT)
- 3- the Queen of fairies (AMND)
- 4- spirit bound to serve a magician who rescued him from the tree in which he was imprisoned by a witch (TT)
- 5- the King of fairies (AMND)
- 6- A duke who has learned sorcery from books, and uses it while on an island to protect his daughter and control the other characters (TT)
- 7- (the weird \_\_\_\_\_) are three prophets who hail a the general, and predict his ascent to kingship (M)

AMND- A Midsummer Night's Dream

TT- The Tempest

### ACTIVITY 3

Do some research and answer these questions prior to the play

1. Who wrote The Tempest?

William Shakespeare

2. In what year was it written?

Around the year 1610 and 1611

3. Where is the play set?

on the island where he was shipwrecked he prospero

4. Who was on the throne of England at the time?

King Jacobo I

5. What modes of transport did they use at the time?

Boat

Now, find basic information about the main characters:

6. Where is Prospero originally from?

From Milan

7. Who is Prospero's brother?

Antonio

8. Who is Prospero's daughter?

Miranda