

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.

Rise as bread does
IN STITCHES
He who is virgin
IN THE TWINKLING OF AN EYE

LIE LOW

LOVE IS BLIND

MAKE YOUR HAND STAND ON END

MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING

NIGHT OWL

Mendaces are
SEND SOMEONE PACKING

THE GAME IS UP

UP IN ARMS

VANISH INTO THIN AIR

WEAR YOUR HEART ON YOUR SLEEVE

Laugh very hard possibly to the point of being in pain

Really fast, so fast, in fact that if you blink you'd miss it

Is a description of a dead body being laid out

It's used to refer to the fact that men and women often lose sight of reality or the true nature of their beloved

Used to describe a feeling of terror and/or shock

Two meanings that are very complicated to explain

Use it for people who prefer to be active at night

Use to describe getting rid of someone, often in a not very polite way

A means to express that all is lost

To be angry about something or to be opposed to something

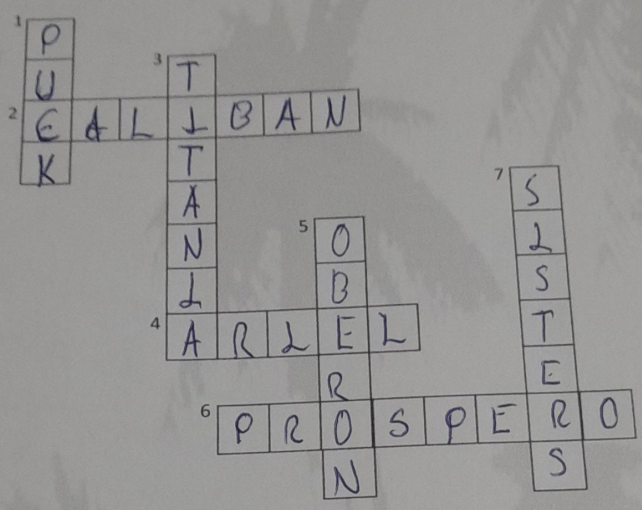
Means to disappear without a trace

Not hide ~~about~~ how you feel

TT-
M. Macbeth

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 research in ...)

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
 M- Macbeth

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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?

1610/1611

3. Where is the play set?

An island somewhere near Italy

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

King Jacob I

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

Horse and carriage

Now, find basic information about the main characters:

6. Where is Prospero originally from?

Milan

7. Who is Prospero's brother?

Antonio

8. Who is Prospero's daughter?

Miranda