

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

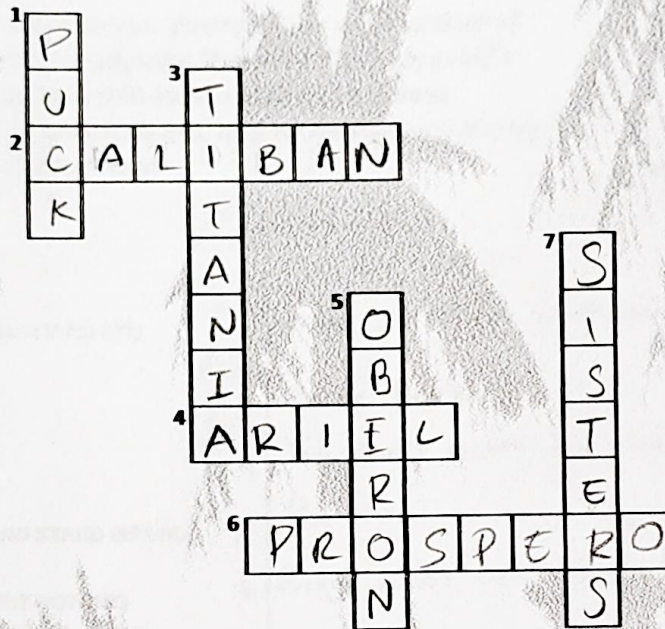
(Optional: make it a game: join a team and try to guess the meaning, then do the research in class and find who the winning team is!)

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.

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| 1 | IN STITCHES | 1 | Part by part |
| 2 | IN THE TWINKLING OF AN EYE | 2 | When something is done quickly |
| 3 | LIE LOW | 3 | To be honest |
| 4 | LOVE IS BLIND | 4 | You don't notice the flaws of others |
| 5 | MAKE YOUR HAND STAND ON END | 5 | Be firm |
| 6 | MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING | 6 | Brags a lot and does little |
| 7 | NIGHT OWL | 7 | That does not sleep |
| 8 | SEND SOMEONE PACKING | 8 | Forget someone |
| 9 | THE GAME IS UP | 9 | Everything is over |
| 10 | UP IN ARMS | 10 | On the verge of trouble |
| 11 | VANISH INTO THIN AIR | 11 | It's over |
| 12 | WEAR YOUR HEART ON YOUR SLEEVE | 12 | Be transparent |

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

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?

1611

3. Where is the play set?

A desert island

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

Isabel I

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

Wagons, carriages and horses

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