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ultimate showdown

-POLL - who's your fav

Shakespeare character?

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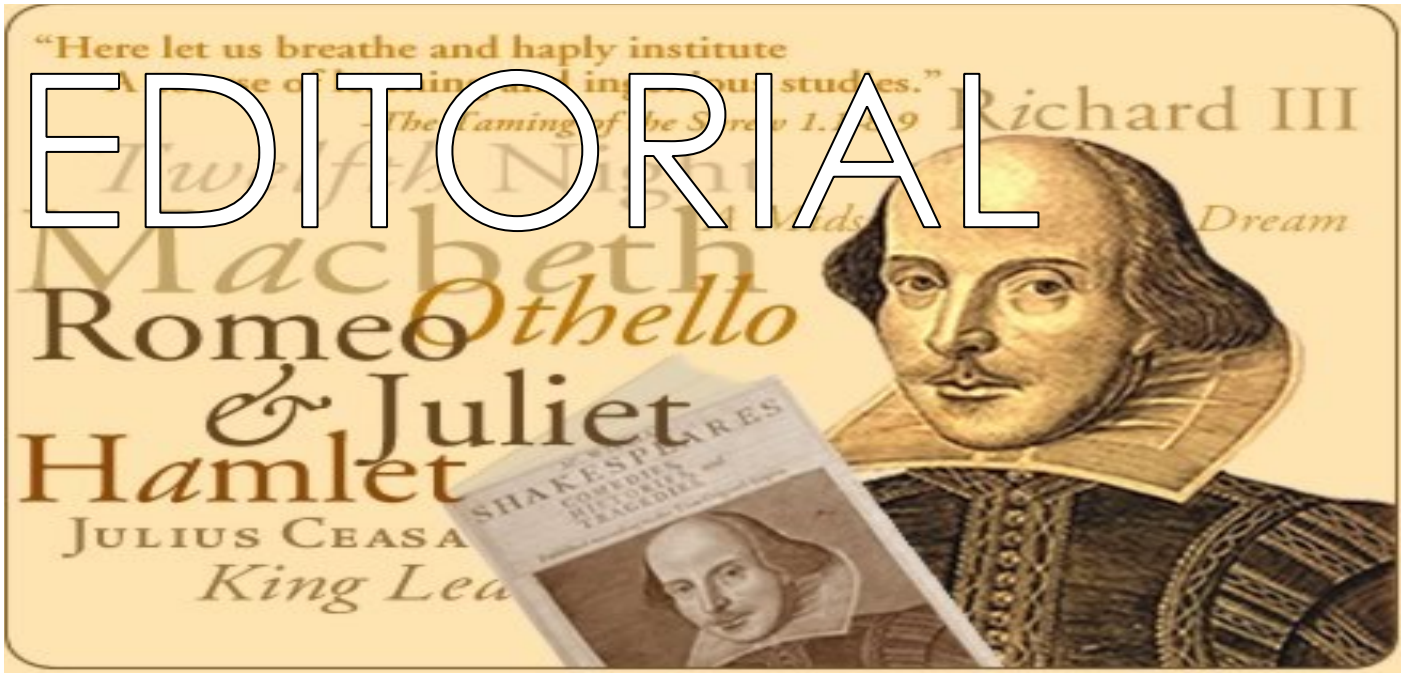
-ABITURS SPEAK - prom

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Dear Students!

The end of this school year is very near, so we would like to encourage you to read the last issue of the school newspaper 'OPINION CORNER'. You will find in it topics connected with Shakespeare's characters and find out students' opinions about this year's prom.

We wish you a pleasant time reading this magazine. Have a great holiday!

Students from the class 2a



## Universal values in ‘Hamlet’

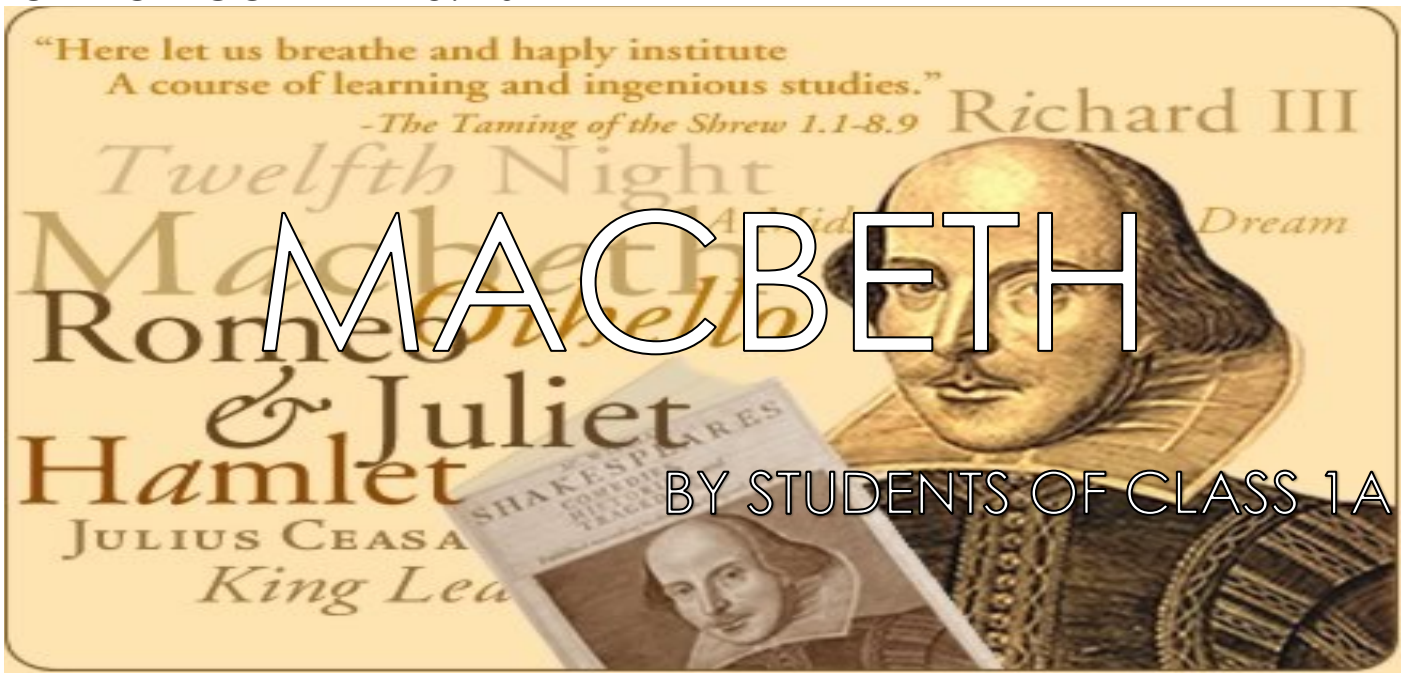
Last year my class went to the cinema to watch one of the most popular theatre plays ‘Hamlet’ by William Shakespeare, staged at a theatre in London. We were lucky because the main character was played by one of the best British actors Benedict Cumberbatch, who is famous from a TV series ‘Sherlock’ and the movie ‘The Imitation Game’.

Hamlet is drama about a young prince Hamlet, who does not believe that his father, the king of Denmark was killed by a snake. One night the ghost of the father reveals to Hamlet that he was poisoned by his uncle, who became the king. Hamlet tries to reveal the truth to the inhabitants of the castle. A play as complicated as ‘Hamlet’ may appear hard to be reviewed if a critic is unfamiliar with others plays of a similar kind, but it is obvious that the acting was absolutely spectacular. Also, costumes was really realistic, and spotlights in theatre were amazing.

For me Hamlet is timeless drama, because Shakespeare reveals something that has always been a universal part of the human life, for example sadness after father's death or anger over his mother's marriage to his evil uncle Claudius.

To sum up, I think it was one of the best theatre plays which I watched in my life and I hope I will watch and read more Shakespeare.





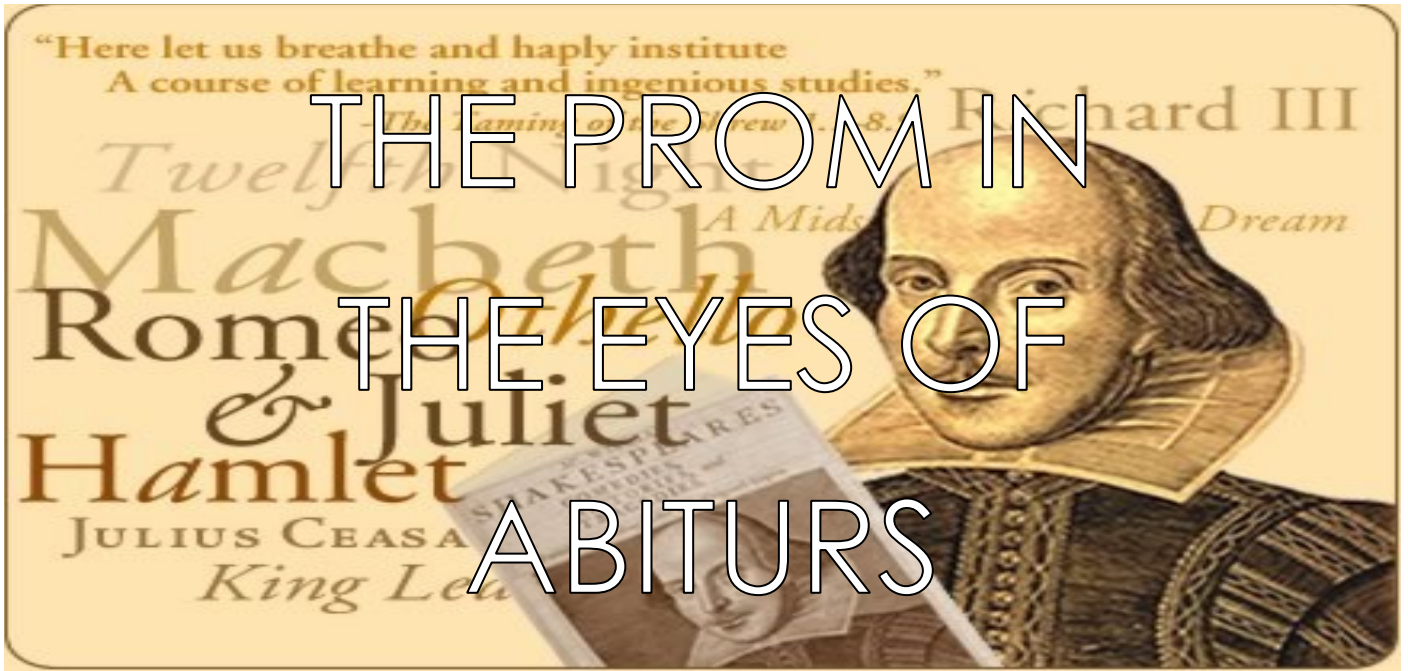
## Is 'Macbeth' timeless?

Seemingly, the plot of 'Macbeth' is very typical because of the main motifs like death, love and lust for power. But what distinguishes that drama from other books? Why do many students in the world read this book despite the fact that Shakespeare wrote 'Macbeth' four hundred years ago?

Macbeth is a faithful and devoted king's servant. He has wife who loves him very much. Most people think that Macbeth is a man who has everything and he needs nothing more to be happy. But there is a crucial issue: he does not think like the majority of people. What does he do to fulfil his ambitions? He kills the king. Some say that this was not his blame. Bad witches commanded him to do it. But if he was a brave and honest knight, would not he have done it? You must find your own answer. At one point, Macbeth feels remorse. When it comes to acting, I think it was at a good level. Actors felt the atmosphere which Shakespeare created. The whole theatre was delighted. The best character was Macbeth. Scriptwriters did a really good job. Also, the stage looked amazing.

Why do so many young people in the world read 'Macbeth' despite the fact that Shakespeare wrote this book four hundred years ago? Problems presented in 'Macbeth' are still current. Shakespeare shows us human weakness, changeable human nature, big power of emotions and a dark side of women's soul.

In my opinion, 'Macbeth' is the best play of William Shakespeare. It includes everything to interest a reader – a gripping story and appealing characters. I recommend it to everyone who wants to find one of the best stories, you can ever read in your life.

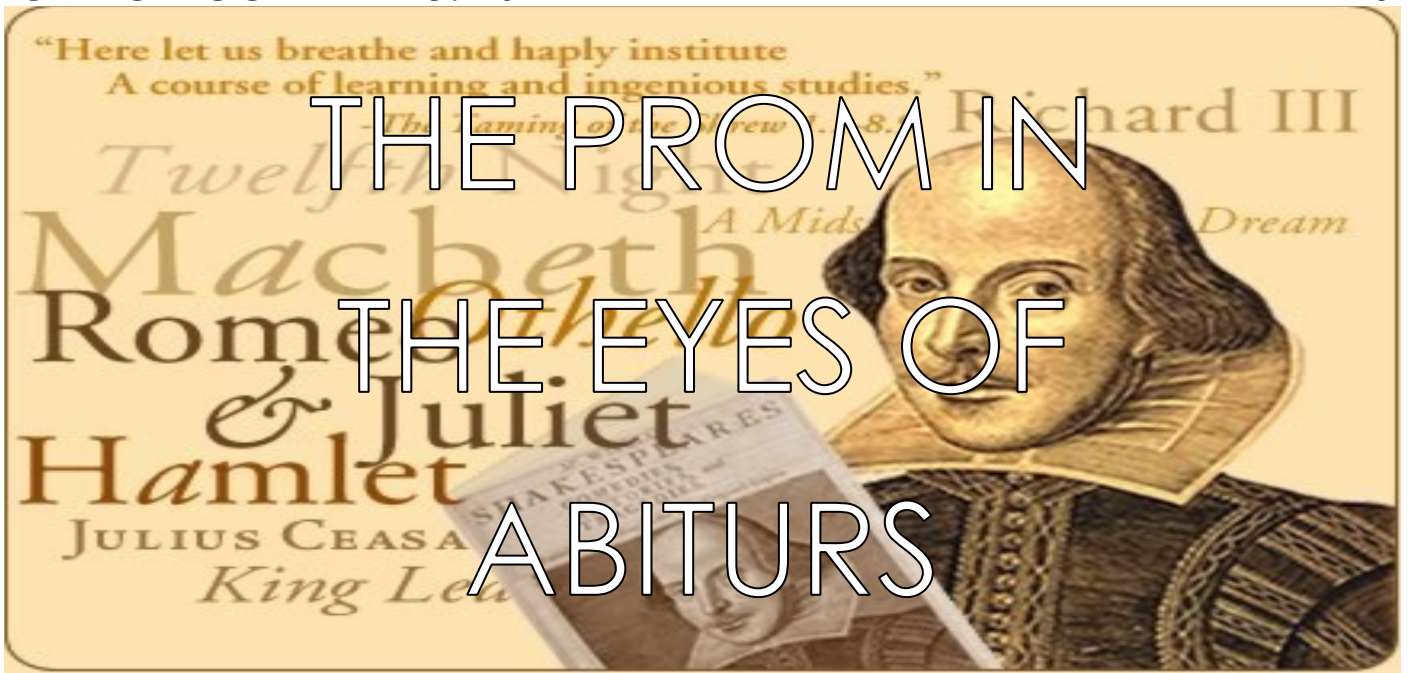


Our Prom was held on February 4th. It took place at an amazing hotel near Zalew Zegrzyński. Everything was wonderfully prepared. There were so many decorations! It looked beautiful. All the students were elegantly dressed for that special occasion. Our Polonez wasn't danced perfectly well, but it was an enjoyable moment. The teachers and parents were looking proudly at us. The food served afterwards was really tasty. Later we were dancing and chatting. I enjoyed every minute of that special night.

Michał

Our Prom required a lot of work to prepare. We'd begun the preparations almost a year before, but after the event I can say it was totally worth it. The food was a very important aspect to me and it was flawless. I ate three dinners during the party! I was also satisfied with the music. The DJ chose really catchy songs. I couldn't walk off the dance floor. But the thing I enjoyed most was my partner's outfit. She looked stunning. The prom was a brilliant experience. I had a great time with my schoolmates.

Tomek



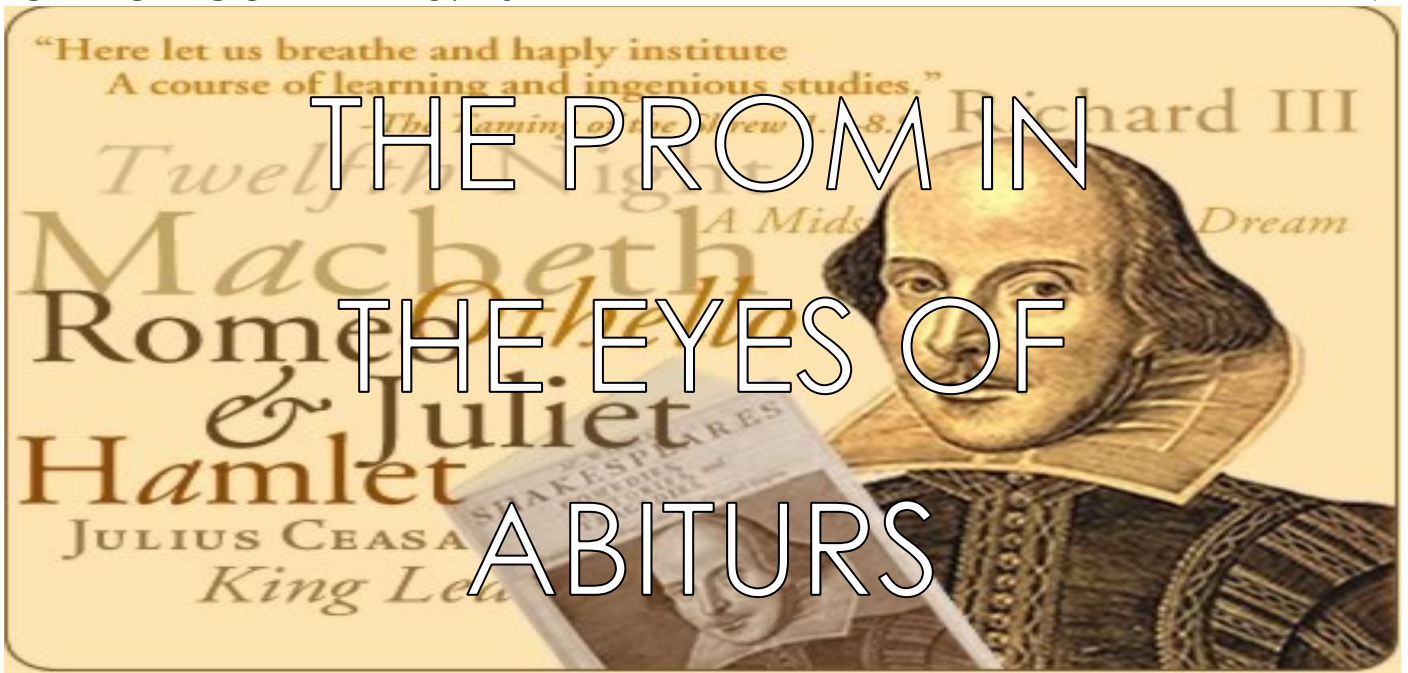
The prom was an awesome and unforgettable experience. I was dancing all night and enjoying it. However, the music might have been better.

Adrian

I had a real pleasure to attend my prom which took place at Windsor hotel. I arrived there by a limo with friends. It was fantastic. (My first time in a limo). When we entered I noticed that the hall was too small for so many people! There was not enough room for parents to watch our special dance. After we had said goodbye to our parents, we ate delicious dishes, had photos taken and did a lot of dancing. I enjoyed my Prom very much. I didn't want to go home!

Filip



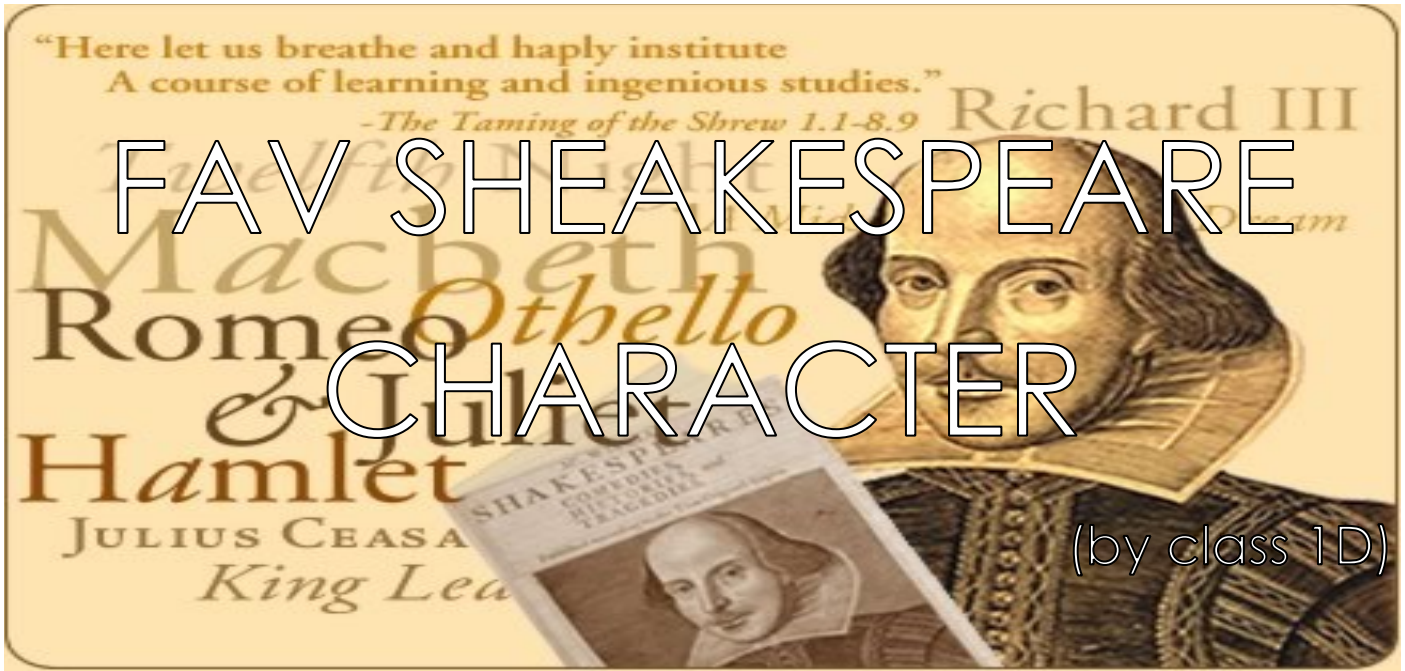


My prom was the time I had been looking forward to. The closer it was, the more excited I got. Unfortunately, I was disappointed about a few crucial things. For example, the DJ played only the music he liked. The best thing was that I could spend the whole night with my friends having a laugh and some fun. If it hadn't been for them, I wouldn't have made it through the night.

Ola

The venue of our Prom was an elegant hotel and every guest was smartly dressed, which I liked. When we danced Polonez we got a big ovation from parents. It was so nice! Then we had a big meal and, to my surprise, it wasn't bad at all! Even vegetarian and vegan dishes were served. Later we danced a lot and that was excellent. I have to say our prom was enjoyable.

Karolina



My favourite character from tragedies written by William Shakespeare is Hamlet. I think so because he has a character trait that I appreciate the most, which is honour. A situation that confirms that is taking a revenge which he had promised his father's ghost.

Jan Mrozowski

My favourite character from Shakespeare's plays is Lady Macbeth. She is the main character's wife. King Macbeth makes her the Queen of Scotland. Lady Macbeth is not sympathetic or fragile as were females at that time. She is very ambitious and ruthless. She never feels guilty and it is she who pushes Macbeth to kill the king and becomes one himself.

Z.P.

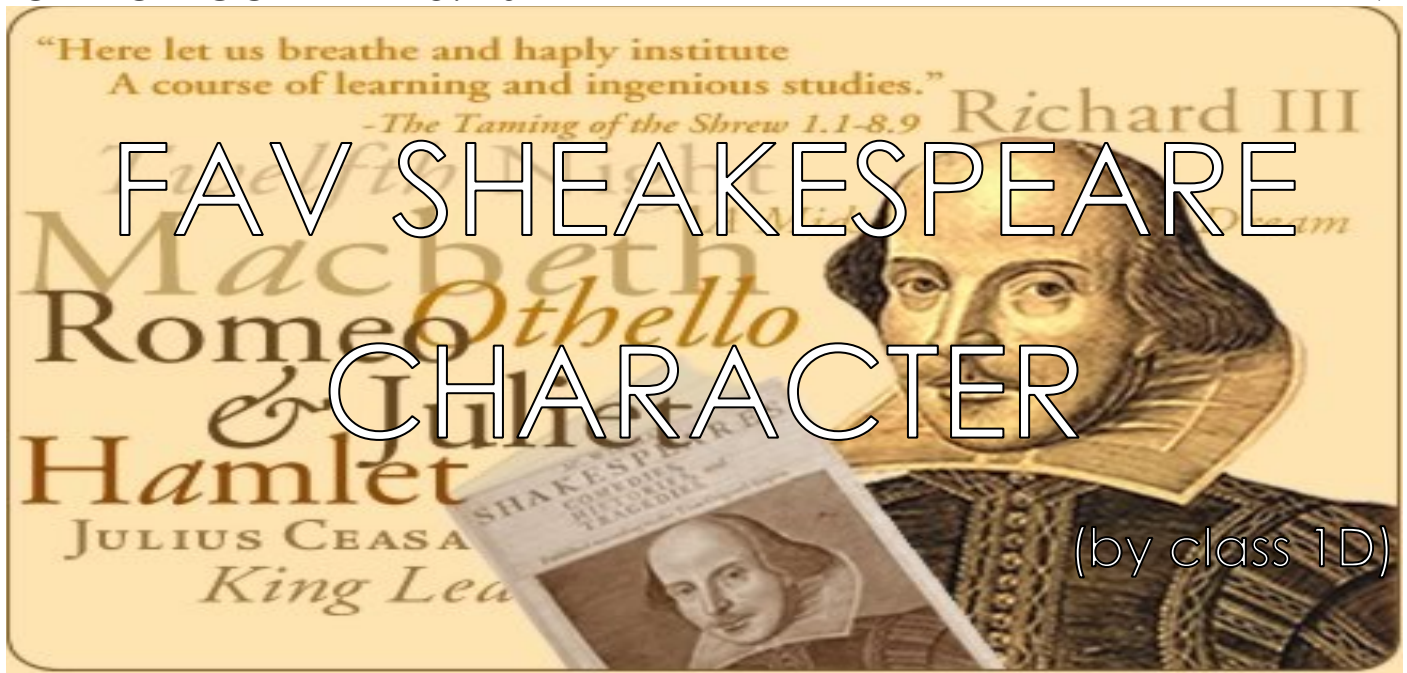
My favourite character from Shakespeare's plays is Romeo from 'Romeo and Juliet'. He is a young Italian nobleman from Montagues family. He secretly marries Juliet from the rival house of Capulets. I like him because he is very brave and romantic and he doesn't care about the war between the families.

Jacek

Juliet from 'Romeo and Juliet' is my favourite character. She is a very pretty woman. She loves Romeo so much that she would die for him. Juliet is also brave because she stands against her family.

Sasza





# FAV SHAKESPEARE CHARACTER

(by class 1D)

My favourite character from Shakespeare's plays is Romeo. He comes from a rich family Montague, in defense of which he is willing to fight to death. Romeo was first enchanted by Rosalind, but since he first met Juliet, he got totally crazy about her. His love for her was so strong that he would do anything to reconcile feuding families. Romeo finally fulfills both his dreams – he gets married to Juliet and he stays all his life with her. Unfortunately, soon after the wedding they commit suicide. The feuding families reconcile after the death of their children. I admire Romeo for his courage, honesty and sacrifice. Personally, I try to follow Romeo's example and I try to be honest and faithful in relationships. I think that if every man was like Romeo, marriages wouldn't fall apart (assuming that women were like Juliet).

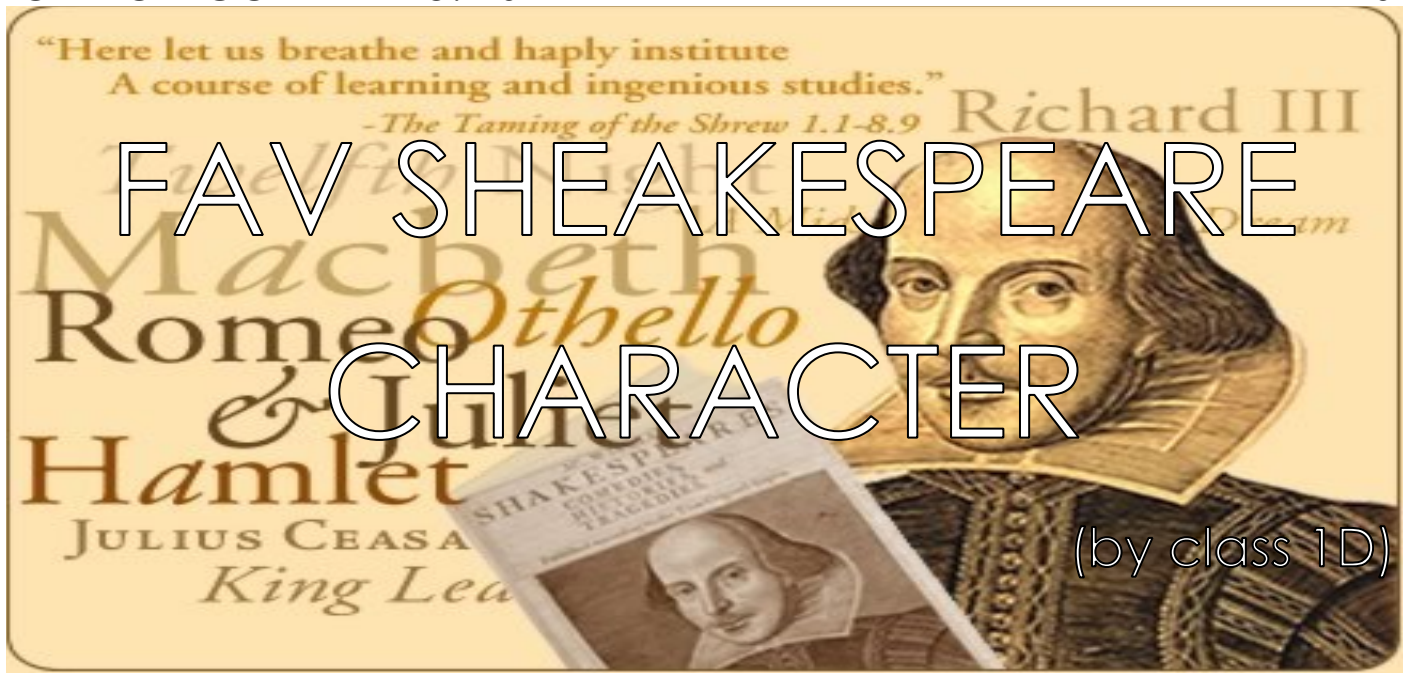
Antoni Malinowski

Macbeth is my favourite character from Shakespeare's plays. He is the cousin of Duncan – the king of Scotland. After a murder he becomes the king. I really like this character, because he's really similar to another main character – Frank Underwood from 'House of cards' TV series.

Rudy

My favourite character from Shakespeare's works is Romeo Montague. Romeo is the title hero in 'Romeo and Juliet'. He falls in love with Juliet in spite of their families' hatred. He wants to be with Juliet and he goes to Capulets' garden risking his life. It was very brave and I think that what he did wasn't easy to do.

J.P.



# FAV SHAKESPEARE CHARACTER

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My favourite Shakespeare's character is Mercutio from the tragedy 'Romeo and Juliet'. He's one of Romeo's best friends. I like him because of his sense of humour. He always turns everything into a joke. Mercutio brings a little bit of happiness into this tragedy.

K.L.

I think that my favourite character from Shakespeare's plays is Romeo because he is funny and romantic. He could do anything for his love and he doesn't care about what his and her family will say.

P.B.

My favourite character from Shakespeare's plays is Macbeth. He is loyal and brave but then he changes and becomes evil and he kills a lot of people. He does it because he wants to be the King of Scotland, he is quite greedy.

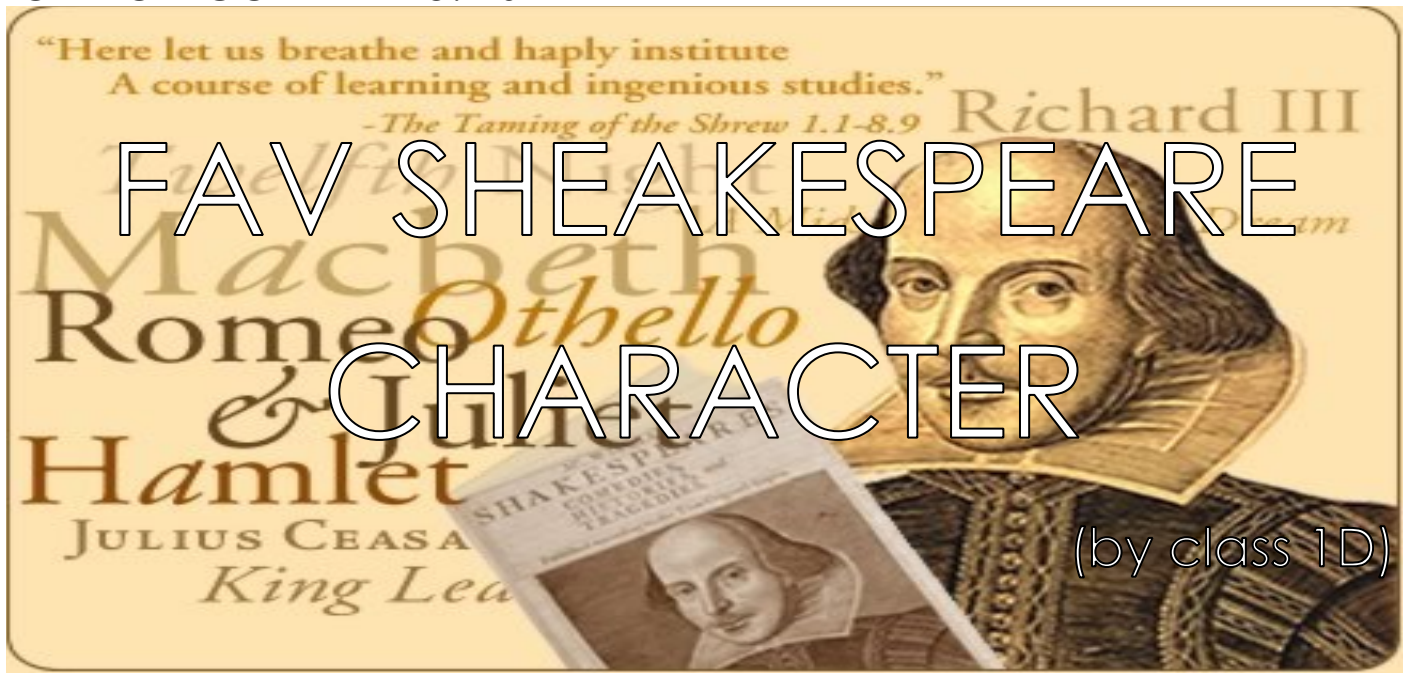
P.K.

My favourite character from Shakespeare's plays is Juliet. She impresses me because she knows what she wants and she's incredibly determined. I like the fact that she doesn't change her mind when her parents want her to. I also think that love is a really important part of life.

Julia

My favourite character is Romeo Montague. It's one of the title characters in 'Romeo and Juliet'. I like him because of the fact that he is romantic. He is ready to die for his woman and that is a real proof of love.

I.M.



Juliet is the main character in Shakespeare's love tragedy 'Romeo and Juliet'. She's 14. She comes from Capulets family. She is in love with Romeo Montague. They can't be together because of their families who argue. I admire her because she is not afraid to be with her love despite their parent's decision.

A.S.

My favourite fictional character created by W. Shakespeare is Mercutio from the tragedy 'Romeo and Juliet'. He's a comic person – even his last words were a pun – that's why people say that his death is 'a death of comedy in a tragedy'. He's Romeo's friend but he's neither a relative of Romeo nor Juliet. He wants to reconcile two families, but at the end of his life he curses Montagues and Capulets.

W.Ch.

My favourite Shakespeare hero is Romeo from the tragedy 'Romeo and Juliet'. I've got a high opinion of him because he's so brave and courageous. He is meeting Juliet knowing that if he keeps doing it he will be considered an outcast. He shows everyone who has seen 'Romeo and Juliet' that feelings are the most important, they have more value than the law.

M.M.

My favourite character from Shakespeare's plays is Juliet from 'Romeo and Juliet'. She's fourteen years old and she's Romeo's true love. Shakespeare describes her as a very pretty and charming woman. Juliet is also independent because she finds her love with Romeo more important than good relations with her family.

J.T.