Detailed analysis of most-taught plays and the world of Shakespeare

Shakespeare's plays are among the most-taught literary work in the world. Exploring Shakespeare is designed to help students of the Bard better understand his four most-studied plays—"Hamlet," "Julius Caesar," "Macbeth," and "Romeo and Juliet."

The editors of this cross-curriculum database include descriptions of historical events and cultural influences over a database that thoroughly examines the plays—from broad overviews to the nuances of characters, scenes and themes.

Result screens, including the full text of each play, are surrounded by a multimedia console that allows users to explore links that make the life, times and works of Shakespeare accessible and relevant to today's high school and undergraduate-level student.

Applications

- Can act as the foundation of a classroom learning unit or a high-interest addition to an established Shakespearean or literature library
- Educators will find an abundance of ideas for lesson plans. Exploring Shakespeare is designed to support curriculum integration, team teaching and the use of technology in the classroom
- School and other network administrators will find the common interface, support of national and local standards and authority offered by Gale reassuring when considering The Gale DISCovering Program for wide-area applications. Exploring Shakespeare on GaleNet offers 24-hour remote access from any web-capable computer

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- Wide range of research results—biography, essay, primary document, etc.—offer users a single source for answers to most inquiries
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- Complex search strategies are easily implemented—offering results that would be impossible using a comparable print product

Coverage

Full text and analytical coverage of "Hamlet," "Julius Caesar," "Macbeth," and "Romeo and Juliet." Also offers essays on life and times of Shakespeare and the Globe Theatre, culture and customs of the Elizabethan period and historical perspectives on the period wherein each drama is set.

What you'll find

FULL TEXT OF
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"Hamlet," "Julius Caesar," "Macbeth," and "Romeo and Juliet" from The Arden Shakespeare

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Overviews synthesizing each play's significance. Other original essays cover daily life in Shakespeare's times and the Globe Theatre

PLOT SYNOPSIS
Act-by-act coverage, including explications of key scenes

CHARACTER DESCRIPTIONS
Descriptions of all characters and critical analysis of major characters with links that help establish relationships to other characters

THEMATIC ANALYSES
Original essays on the major themes of Shakespeare's plays

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Search key events in history and literature by year, decade, century or word or phrase

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