

Info on shakespearecandle.com



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Purpose

This website aims to be the definitive free website for the works of William Shakespeare. You can download pdfs of monologues, full text of plays, poems, and sonnets, and play movies etc.

The lines of each play uses the standard numbering starting from 1 for the beginning of each scene, rather than continuing on from the previous scene.

Within the text of each play can click on a particular character's name to get the scenes and complete text of all scenes that the character is in, which may be useful for those rehearsing for a particular part.

You can also search for where particular text appears in plays, sonnets or poems, and also get notes on meaning of words etc.

Introduction

On shakespearecandle at the top of each page can get menu of his plays, sonnets, and poems, where can get full text and notes.

Other key links on the website on Shakespeare's text are:

All plays Monologues menu (with text for each monologue)

Full list of all Shakespeare's characters (with link for each character)

Largest roles by play which gives full text and pdfs to the 139th largest roles

Famous quotations (with links)

Quotations on love (with links)

Quotations on life (with links)

Main pdfs of plays, poems and sonnets, including list of speeches

Other links:

Timeline of Shakespeare's life and events

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Enquiry form

Our search engine is very powerful. On the advanced search you can refine your search to search for monologues, female monologues, male monologues, top largest characters, gender etc.

You do not need to have an exact match with punctuation and hyphens, etc.

For example if search for "tomorrow" this would find both tomorrow and to-morrow. But if you want you can search for exact matches.

For all searches can use "wild cards" to search, where * indicates one or more characters.

For example could search for power*friend

You can use asterisks as many times as you want to find several words separated by unknown words or letters.

Below is an extract of the enquiry form on shakespearecandle.com.

Search:

- Use NOT exact match search
 Case sensitive search (you probably will not want this)
 Exact match ONLY search including case, punctuation, hyphens, and apostrophes (you probably will not want this)
- Not include other word forms (if say search for "thy" then if NOT other word forms would not include "thysself")

For plays selection

- Include Comedy
 Include History
 Include Tragedy

For plays selection include the following Acts

- Act 1 Act 2 Act 3 Act 4 Act 5

For plays selection include the following character name who says the text (leave blank if any character names)

xxxxxx

this.

- Exact name match only. Any names beginning with

For plays selection gender of character saying the text

- Include male character
- Include female character
- Include ambiguous gender or character often played by either gender

For plays selection, ONLY select if text said by one of Top 139 largest characters.

For plays selection, monologue selection is:

- Do NOT select just monologues
- Select any gender monologues
- Select female monologues
- Select male monologues

Additional monologue selection:

- Select verse monologue
- Select prose monologue
- Select monologue containing both verse and prose

The following plays are to be included:

- All's Well That Ends Well
- Antony and Cleopatra
- As You Like It

Etc, etc

The following sonnets are to be included:

- 1 2 3 Etc, etc

The following poems are to be included:

- A lover's Complaint
- The Passionate Pilgrim
- The Phoenix and the Turtle
- The Rape of Lucrece
- Sonnets to Sundry Notes of Music
- Venus and Adonis
- A Funeral Elegy

Include notes etc, if any

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