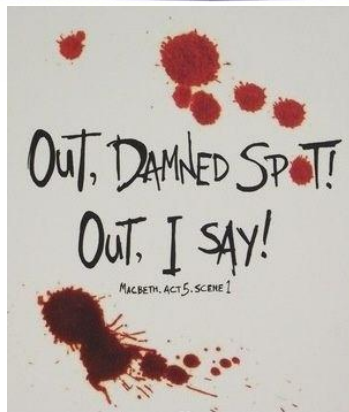


## Section 1 Shakespeare's Plays

Shakespeare wrote 38 plays and 154 sonnets. Shakespeare's plays generally fall into three categories: comedies, tragedies and histories. Shakespeare's plays had the royal seal of approval. Both Queen Elizabeth I and James VI of Scotland and I of England would often hire Shakespeare's company to come and perform at the Royal Court. In the Shakespearian era all roles were performed by men and young boys, women were not allowed to perform.



## Section 2 Themes

Power

Violence

Greed

Fate

Madness

Good vs Evil

Witchcraft

## Section 3 Glossary

THANE	In Scotland, a man, often the chief of a clan, like an English Lord.
HEATH	A bare piece of land in the countryside.
FATE	The development of events outside a person's control, regarded as determined by a supernatural power.
PROPHECIES	A prediction of what will happen in the future.
PROCLAIMED	Announced officially or publicly.
TO YEILD	To surrender.
"FROM HIS MOTHER'S WOMB, UNTIMELY RIPPED"	Today we would call this a caesarean section, where the baby is delivered by operation through the stomach.