

Year 7: Shakespeare's Villains

Key Terms	Context	Key Facts
<p>Tragedy - a play dealing with tragic events and having an unhappy ending, especially one concerning the downfall of the main character.</p> <p>Protagonist - the leading character or one of the major characters in the play.</p> <p>Antagonist - a person who actively opposes or is hostile to someone or something.</p> <p>Tragic Hero - a protagonist with a fatal flaw, who makes their own decisions, and makes the audience pity/fear them, usually leads to their downfall.</p> <p>Blank Verse – Verse without rhyme, it does however have 10 syllables per line.</p> <p>Soliloquy - an act of speaking one's thoughts aloud when by oneself or regardless of any hearers, especially by a character in a play.</p> <p>Juxtaposition - two things being seen or placed close together with contrasting effect.</p> <p>Iambic pentameter- a line of verse with five metrical feet, each consisting of one short (or unstressed) syllable followed by one long (or stressed) syllable, for example <i>Two households, both alike in dignity.</i></p> <p>Prose - written or spoken language in its ordinary form, without metrical structure.</p>	<p>Society: There was a clear social hierarchy in Elizabethan times with the monarchy ruling over lower classes.</p> <p>Women's Roles: Women were seen as second class citizens and often women's roles were played by men in Shakespearean plays.</p> <p>Beliefs: Christianity was the main belief and people were supernatural, believing in witches, who they blamed for any natural disaster.</p> <p>Theatre: Plays were performed in The Globe Theatre, a round wooden building.</p> <p>Language: Shakespeare invented much of the words we use today – 1700 of them!</p>	<p>Full name: William Shakespeare</p> <p>Also known as: The Bard of Avon</p> <p>Born: Exact date unknown, but baptised 26 April 1564</p> <p>Hometown: Stratford-upon-Avon</p> <p>Occupation: Playwright, actor and poet</p> <p>Died: 23 April 1616</p> <p>Parents: John & Mary Shakespeare</p> <p>Wife: Anne Hathaway</p> <p>Children: Susanna, Hamnet & Judith</p> <p>Works: 37 plays (at least), 154 sonnets, many poems.</p>
Key Villains		
Tybalt	<p>Ruthless and vengeful cousin of the Capulet family. Has a deep, violent hatred of the Montagues and a strong sense of honour and loyalty.</p>	
Lady Macbeth	<p>The power-hungry, bloodthirsty wife of Macbeth. Stronger and more ruthless than her husband.</p>	
Caliban	<p>Son of the witch Sycorax. Kept as a slave, he is insolent and rebellious and is only controlled through the use of magic.</p>	
Claudius	<p>Kills Hamlet's father to become King of Denmark and marry the queen. Devises a plan to kill Hamlet, who is a threat.</p>	
		