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Literary criticism During his own lifetime and shortly afterward, Shakespeare enjoyed fame and considerable critical attention. Jonson objected when Shakespeare dramatized history extending over many years and moved his dramatic scene around from country to country, rather than focusing on 24 hours or so in a single location. And in fact most productions of Shakespeare on the London stage during the Restoration did just that: Eighteenth century This critical view persisted into the 18th century as well. Romantic critics For Romantic critics such as Samuel Taylor Coleridge in the early 19th century, Shakespeare deserved to be appreciated most of all for his creative genius and his spontaneity. For Goethe in Germany as well, Shakespeare was a bard, a mystical seer. Most of all, Shakespeare was considered supreme as a creator of character. Maurice Morgann wrote such character-based analyses as appear in his book *An Essay on the Dramatic Character of Sir John Falstaff*, where Falstaff is envisaged as larger than life, a humane wit and humorist who is no coward or liar in fact but a player of inspired games. In the theatre of the Romantic era, Shakespeare fared less well, but as an author he was much touted and even venerated. Philological research established a more reliable chronology of the work than had been hitherto available. Edward Dowden, in his *Shakespeare: Elmer Edgar Stoll, in Art and Artifice in Shakespeare*, stressed the ways in which the plays could be seen as constructs intimately connected with their historical environment. Playacting depends on conventions, which must be understood in their historical context. Other scholarly studies examined censorship, the religious controversies of the Elizabethan era and how they affected playwriting, and the heritage of native medieval English drama. Studies in the history of ideas have examined Elizabethan cosmology, astrology, philosophical ideas such as the Great Chain of Being, physiological theories about the four bodily humours, political theories of Machiavelli and others, the skepticism of Montaigne, and much more. Shakespeare on Theatre; Sidebar: Shakespeare and the Liberties; Sidebar: New Criticism As valuable as it is, historical criticism has not been without its opponents. Knights, Derek Traversi, Robert Heilman, and many others, urging a more formalist approach to the poetry. Studies of imagery, rhetorical patterns, wordplay, and still more gave support to the movement. At the commencement of the 21st century, close reading remained an acceptable approach to the Shakespearean text. New interpretive approaches Shakespeare criticism of the 20th and 21st centuries has seen an extraordinary flourishing of new schools of critical approach. Psychological and psychoanalytic critics such as Ernest Jones have explored questions of character in terms of Oedipal complexes, narcissism, and psychotic behaviour or, more simply, in terms of the conflicting needs in any relationship for autonomy and dependence. Mythological and archetypal criticism, especially in the influential work of Northrop Frye, has examined myths of vegetation having to do with the death and rebirth of nature as a basis for great cycles in the creative process. Conversely, some criticism has pursued a vigorously iconoclastic line of interpretation. Jan Kott, writing in the disillusioning aftermath of World War II and from an eastern European perspective, reshaped Shakespeare as a dramatist of the absurd, skeptical, ridiculing, and antiauthoritarian. For further discussion of later interpretations of Shakespeare, see Sidebar: Viewing Shakespeare on Film; Sidebar: He also caught the imagination of many academic critics who were chafing at a modern political world increasingly caught up in image making and the various other manipulations of the powerful new media of television and electronic communication. A number of the so-called New Historicists among them Stephen Greenblatt, Stephen Orgel, and Richard Helgerson read avidly in cultural anthropology, learning from Clifford Geertz and others how to analyze literary production as a part of a cultural exchange through which a society fashions itself by means of its political ceremonials. Mikhail Bakhtin was another dominant influence. In Britain the movement came to be known as Cultural Materialism; it was a first cousin to American New Historicism, though often with a more class-conscious and Marxist ideology.

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*Each lecture in this series focuses on a single play by Shakespeare, and employs a range of different approaches to try to understand a central critical question about it.*

Nine-Banded Books, The idea that the plays of William Shakespeare were written by someone other than William Shakespeare is a well-established motif in literary conspiracy theories. Starting in the mid-16th century, numerous and varied writers have gone into great detail to prove that the Shakespeare corpus was actually written by Francis Bacon, Christopher Marlowe, or Edward de Vere, amongst others. But they have never been particularly convincing. Consequently, we find a majority of scholars coalescing around the conventional attribution of the plays to Shakespeare the Stratfordians and smaller groups advocating for one or other of the alternative candidates the anti-Stratfordians. In the absence of any greatly compelling evidence, positions on all sides tend to become rather fixed. In his new book, *William Fortyhands*, Samuel Crowell gives an erudite and entertaining history of the background to the Shakespeare controversy, weighs the merits of all sides, and offers his own, surprisingly plausible solution. There were hundreds of plays being produced in England at this time and the Elizabethan Beats seem to have been an important engine of this industry. It is within this milieu that William Shakespeare left his legacy. This has forever been the foundational document of Shakespeare studies but the situation is complicated because many of the plays had also appeared in quarto editions which were usually much shorter than the folio versions. Some of these quartos bore the name of Shakespeare but others were published anonymously. Even more confusingly, some of the individual plays were published in differing versions as quartos. Crowell documents the history of the authorship question in great detail and is careful to contextualize his study with various theoretical perspectives, too much so in my opinion. But this does at least demonstrate his good faith in seeking to approach an objective view rather than promoting a personal hobby horse. Ultimately, Crowell concludes that the plays were probably written by a number of those Elizabethan Beats, either singly or collaboratively, and that a final position on who wrote exactly what is probably unknowable. Essentially, he sourced texts, edited them down for performance the shorter quartos and funded the whole enterprise. Unlike the actual writers, Shakespeare appears to have been very wealthy at a time when playwrights were treated as cheap hacks. This is an elegant interpretation of the available evidence. Even though it leaves us with a situation vastly more complex than attribution to any one single author, it allows us to go beyond all of the evidential problems that such attributions caused. It would appear that in the 18th century the person who actually wrote the words of the plays was not much of a consideration. For example, films are generally more closely identified with their directors than their screenwriters. Perhaps an even better example would be the mythical creator of Bitcoin, Satoshi Nakamoto. It is quite possible that Satoshi is a pseudonym hiding a number of cryptocurrency experts. Perhaps we should start calling him Satoshi Fortyhands? Crowell points out that if Shakespeare really did write the plays then he must have amassed a great deal of knowledge from somewhere. If Shakespeare really was the sort of person who went to local drinking establishments to get the lowdown on legal terminology, Italian geography, hawking, or what have you, then one would expect more contemporary references to him as a real person. This is not what we find. Almost all the references to him are based strictly on the title page attributions of the plays and poems. The scenario he paints in *William Fortyhands* is remarkable for being at once a sober handling of the evidence and a radical reassessment of the authorship question.

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If he were in Dr. Horatio Zim Share This article first appeared on the Verdict site. Any college-level English professor should be familiar with Shakespeare and some quotations from his writings. For thy part, I do wish thou wert a dog, that I might love thee something. After all, she did deduct points from Ms. Scott thought that was verboten. Parents sometimes wonder what their children learn in college, and why many college graduates cannot find a job commensurate with their education. Perhaps Northern Arizona University offers us one lesson, although it is hardly alone. Professor Scott says that her students must use the word humankind. She apparently prefers that to hu-person-kind. Does anyone think that when Timon says he hates mankind, he is only referring to males? Or, that when Miranda says mankind is beauteous, she intends to exclude females? Early and modern writers agree. The curse of conservative political correctness The U. In fact, even before the 19th Amendment, which gave women the right to vote, there were female representatives. The word comes from the Anglo-Saxon and its origins are sex-neutral. Wifman refers to female, while werman refers to male. Werewolf is a human-wolf. Still, many French say le weekend. English, in contrast, is very accepting of foreign words. Young minds in the era of American depravity There is also the problem of free speech. People have a right to use ordinary English. Scott is using her power of grading as a way to control how people talk. Scott wants to control language, which gives a lot of power to an English composition teacher who would downgrade Shakespeare for bad writing. Scott apparently wants to change all that and impose sex on words that are already or have become sex neutral, like mankind. That is a step backward for language, not a step forward. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of heaven, and all the wild beasts. Several thousand years later, the Book of John, 1: Scott and Northern Arizona University force students to use certain words and shun others, they are tapping into this powerâ€”a power easy to abuse. That is why we have the First Amendment. The government should not punish people for using words that our dictionary blesses.

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The basic skills involved are the same. There are, however, some important differences. In Shakespeare, the speech of the characters is far and away the most important and powerful element of performance. In contrast, in most modern plays, the characters often hide or disguise their real feelings, thoughts, and intentions; their words usually hide as much as they reveal; this almost never happens in Shakespeare. In order to understand and enjoy Shakespeare, the full impact of the text which can seem so unlike the language we are used to speaking must be understood and felt. An antithesis is the setting of one word or group of words against another word or group of words with an opposite or contrasting meaning. Famous examples of antithesis in Shakespeare are: To be, or not to be. His disgrace is to be called boy; but his glory is to subdue men. Fair is foul, and foul is fair. What he has lost, noble Macbeth has won. Unless the antitheses are noted and played by the actor, the meaning and force of the speech is lost. Moreover, especially in longer speeches, unless the actor uses and plays the antitheses, the speech tends to become unintelligible. The antitheses shape and clarify the thought. Characters reveal their emotional states through their choice of verbs. For example, look at this speech from Macbeth: Onomatopoeia Verbs and adjectives also provide opportunities for the use of onomatopoeia words that sound like the thing they signify. The speech quoted above offers many opportunities for onomatopoeia: The actor can add force and color and clarity to these words by making them sound like what they mean. Sound and Sound Patterns Always look for opportunities to use the sound of the text. Listen to the text and play with the possibilities of sound. Always look for and use opportunities for onomatopoeia other sound patterns especially words and sounds that are repeated in a speech. In Shakespeare, words and sounds are often repeated. Sometimes the sound patterns form a rhyme, sometimes not; sometimes they come at the ends of the lines usually a two-line rhyme, which is called a couplet, and sometimes within the lines. The sound pattern might also include repetition of a word. As actors, we need to 1 notice the sound patterns and 2 use them consciously to give the speech clarity, force, and color. Shakespeare loved to create sound patterns in his speeches and audiences love to hear them. Your job as an actor is to find them, play them, and make them come alive. Images Look for and play the images in phrases and groups of words that Shakespeare creates and try to communicate the fullness and reality of that image in your mind and to the audience. Some examples of images in Shakespeare are: The best scenes contain both reversals and recognition often at the same moment! So do great speeches! Look for them in each Shakespeare speech. Does the character undergo a reversal or recognition in the course of the speech? Can you play the speech so that a reversal and a recognition happen? If so, the speech will be more interesting, more engaging, more powerful for the audience and more fun to play! Find a way to conclude a speech with both a reversal and recognition. Irony and Double Meanings Irony is when words convey a meaning opposite from their literal meaning or when an action has an effect exactly opposite from what was intended. There is both comic irony and tragic irony. Shakespeare loved irony and so do audiences. So are his speeches. Learn to love it, find it, and play it. Plays are not made up of words, but of the actions played and events created on stage. Discover what happens the action in the speech and do it! Discover the events and make them happen bring them to life on stage! Keep the vocal energy going through and past the line! Keep the ball in the air! Modern speech, and modern acting, often drops the vocal energy before the end of the line. In Shakespeare performance, the vocal energy must move the actor, and the audience, from word to word, line to line, idea to idea, without a dead stop.

### 5: An Ignorant Approach to Shakespeare's English Stifles Free Thought

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Bring fact-checked results to the top of your browser search. Feminist criticism and gender studies Feminist and gender-study approaches to Shakespeare criticism made significant gains after Feminist criticism is deeply interested in marriage and courtship customs, gender relations, and family structures. Diaries, marriage-counseling manuals, and other such documents become important to feminist study. These are only a few examples. Gender studies such as those of Bruce R. Deconstruction The critical movement generally known as deconstruction centred on the instability and protean ambiguity of language. It owed its origins in part to the linguistic and other work of French philosophers and critics such as Ferdinand de Saussure , Michel Foucault , and Jacques Derrida. Some of the earliest practitioners and devotees of the method in the United States were Geoffrey Hartmann, J. Translation and paraphrase are exercises in approximation at best. The implications of deconstruction for Shakespeare criticism have to do with language and its protean flexibility of meanings. Language, Culture, Context , for example, offers many brilliant demonstrations of this, one of which is her study of the word preposterous, a word she finds throughout the plays. It means literally behind for before, back for front, second for first, end or sequel for beginning. It is thus a term for disorder in discourse, in sexual relationships, in rights of inheritance, and much more. Deconstruction as a philosophical and critical movement aroused a good deal of animosity because it questioned the fixity of meaning in language. At the same time, however, deconstruction attuned readers to verbal niceties, to layers of meaning, to nuance. Late 20th-century and early 21st-century scholars were often revolutionary in their criticism of Shakespeare. To readers the result frequently appeared overly postmodern and trendy, presenting Shakespeare as a contemporary at the expense of more traditional values of tragic intensity, comic delight, and pure insight into the human condition. No doubt some of this criticism, as well as some older criticism, was too obscure and ideologically driven. Yet deconstructionists and feminists, for example, at their best portray a Shakespeare of enduring greatness. He is dead, white, European, and male, and yet he appeals irresistibly to readers and theatre audiences all over the world. In the eyes of many feminist critics, he portrays women with the kind of fullness and depth found in authors such as Virginia Woolf and George Eliot.

### 6: Shakespeare in Theory

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A shared approach to Shakespeare A shared approach to Shakespeare One teacher from Towers School in Kent wanted to tell us about what happens when students take a collaborative approach to Shakespeare. Over the past year Towers School has worked in a cluster with other schools across Kent who have been led and supported by the exceptional team at The Marlowe Theatre and Canterbury High School. Teacher Becca wanted to share their experiences My goal, as an educator, is to ensure that my students leave school with the tools that they need to be confident, engaging and eloquent. I see the value in the spoken word and importance of performance. Students were asked to provide actions for each line, giving a strong gesture to a significant word or phrase. Repeating this around the circle encouraged the students to recognise the power within the language physically, and gave them an understanding of the need to match this with their voices. Each student was given a line. Taking ownership of this, again, added a passion to their voices. Students were told to walk around the room, making eye contact as they went. As they did this, they would recite their line to someone else in the room. This allowed students to grow in confidence with their line, sharing a group effort to remember the language and rhythm. Before the lesson ended, the class returned to the circle and recited the lines in order, with gestures, one last time. An energy and excitement had already begun to emanate from the students. As they left, they were warned that by the next lesson, they would be expected to remember seven of the fourteen lines. Taking Shakespeare out of the classroom and into the corridors, canteen and school playground was phenomenal. The next lesson arrived and, with the support of our collaborative gestures, all students could recall half of the sonnet. An involuntary round of applause erupted from the class when they realised that they could do it and a wave of pride rippled around the circle. The challenge did not stop there. Students were given one more week to learn all fourteen lines. As ever, I would continue to randomly test students - in the lunch queue, in the middle of writing, at the school gate. They began reciting the sonnet to other members of staff. Other members of staff would send me wonderful emails about my passionate year 7s, who had recited a poem to them with such vigour. During a packed Open Evening, the Vice Principal gave a welcome speech in which she praised the fact that at Towers School, the students recite poetry at lunch. A collaborative, active and shared approach to Shakespeare allows students to shed themselves of any inhibitions and immerse themselves in a shared exploration of the text. My year 7 class understood that what they were doing was not easy but by doing it together, as an ensemble, they felt empowered.

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