

Why Do We Study Shakespeare?

- His works reflect universal themes
- His use of the English Language
- Teaches us about history
- Logical plot structure



His Use of Language

- Used over 20,000 words in his works.
- The average writer uses 7,500
- The English Dictionary of his time only had 500 words.
- Is credited with creating 3,000 words in the English Oxford Dictionary.

Universal Themes in Shakespeare's works

Falling in Love--Romeo and Juliet
Revenge--Hamlet
Betrayal--Julius Caesar



His Life

- Married to Ann Hathaway
- Critics think his plays were done by a combination of writers
- Wrote in Elizabethan times



The Globe Theatre

- In London, England
- Was recently restored
- The groundlings were audience members on the ground floor next to the stage.

