

NOT SURE WHICH SHAKESPEARE CHARACTER TO CHOOSE?

What YOU
WILL



**IF YOU COULD BE A CHARACTER FROM FILM, TELEVISION OR THE NEWS,
WHAT TYPE OF CHARACTER WOULD YOU CHOOSE TO BE?**

**AN ACTION HERO - A COMEDY CHARACTER
AN INSPIRATIONAL LEADER – A MAGICAL FIGURE
– OR AN EVIL VILLAIN!**

ACTION HERO

IMAGINE LARA CROFT, JAMES BOND OR COMIC BOOK HERO WONDER WOMAN
TAKE ON THE WORLD OR FIGHT FOR WHAT'S RIGHT!



**SHAKESPEARE GIVES US LOTS OF ACTION HEROES IN HIS PLAYS
HERE ARE FOUR OF THE MOST ADVENTUROUS**

Click on the link below each to read a Q&A with that character, or discover the play in which they're featured.

JULIET FROM ROMEO AND JULIET

- Knows their own mind
- Deeply determined and courageous
- A risk-taker

Juliet speaking with determination -

"If all else fail, myself have power to die."

Q&A WITH JULIET

DISCOVER ROMEO AND JULIET

HERMIA FROM A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM

- Courageous
- Confronts the rules and stands up for their rights

Hermia speaking with courage -

"So will I grow, so live, so die."

DISCOVER A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM

LAERTES FROM HAMLET

- Fiercely loyal, honourable and committed to seeking revenge

Laertes speaking with commitment -

"Let come what comes, only I'll be revenged."

DISCOVER HAMLET

ANTONIO FROM TWELFTH NIGHT

- Heroically saves a stranger from a shipwreck
- Defies danger on the unpredictable streets of Illyria

Antonio speaking with defiance -

"THAT DANGER WILL SEEM SPORT, AND I WILL GO."

DISCOVER TWELFTH NIGHT

COMEDY CHARACTER

IMAGINE OLAF FROM FROZEN, THE CAST OF BBC'S 'GHOSTS', OR BUDDY FROM THE MOVIE ELF

RAISE A SMILE OR PLAY THE FOOL



SHAKESPEARE LOVES TO MAKE US LAUGH. MEET FOUR OF HIS JOKERS

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NURSE FROM ROMEO AND JULIET

- Loves to talk
- Enjoys being the centre of attention and often contradict themselves

The Nurse contradicting herself –

"I'LL LAY FOURTEEN OF MY TEETH, AND YET, I HAVE BUT FOUR."

DISCOVER ROMEO AND JULIET

BEATRICE FROM MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING

- Constantly engages in playful banter
- Has a dynamic relationship with Benedick and delight in putting them down

Beatrice putting Benedick in their place –

"I WONDER THAT YOU WILL STILL BE TALKING, SIGNOR BENEDICK; NOBODY MARKS YOU."

Q&A WITH BEATRICE

DISCOVER MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING

NICK BOTTOM FROM A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM

- Larger-than-life actor, who likes to take over
- Gets easily carried away

Nick Bottom taking over –

"LET ME PLAY THE LION. I WILL ROAR THAT I WILL MAKE THE DUKE SAY 'LET HIM ROAR AGAIN'."

DISCOVER A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM

TOUCHSTONE FROM AS YOU LIKE IT

- Observant and quick-thinking comedian
- Constantly makes clever comments about others

Touchstone being observant -

"THE MORE PITY THAT FOOLS MAY NOT SPEAK WISELY WHAT WISE MEN DO FOOLISHLY."

DISCOVER AS YOU LIKE IT

AN INSPIRATIONAL LEADER

IMAGINE PRESIDENT ZELENSKY OF UKRAINE, CLIMATE ACTIVIST GRETA THUNBERG, OR SIMBA FROM THE LION KING
ROUSE A NATION OR SPEAK TO A GENERATION



SHAKESPEARE LIKES A PERSON OF POWER. MEET FOUR OF HIS MOTIVATORS

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DUNCAN FROM MACBETH

- A compassionate and respected ruler.
- Values loyalty and maintains a stable kingdom

Duncan rewarding loyalty –

“BUT SIGNS OF NOBLENES, LIKE STARS, SHALL SHINE ON ALL DESERVES.”

[DISCOVER MACBETH](#)

HENRY V FROM HENRY V

- A strong and charismatic leader
- Displays strategic prowess when the chips are down

Henry V speaking with strength -

“ALL THINGS ARE READY IF OUR MINDS BE SO.”

[Q&A WITH HENRY V](#)

[DISCOVER HENRY V](#)

PORTIA FROM THE MERCHANT OF VENICE

- Intelligent, resourceful and insightful
- Will do whatever it takes to save a life

Portia speaking with insight –

“THE QUALITY OF MERCY IS NOT STRAINED.”

[DISCOVER THE MERCHANT OF VENICE](#)

CLEOPATRA FROM ANTONY AND CLEOPATRA

- A captivating and resolute Queen
- Politically savvy and highly popular

Cleopatra speaking with resolution –

“I AM FIRE AND AIR.”

[DISCOVER ANTONY AND CLEOPATRA](#)

A MAGICAL FIGURE

IMAGINE GANDALF FROM LORD OF THE RINGS, SABRINA THE TEENAGE WITCH OR MOANING MYRTLE FROM HARRY POTTER.

UNLEASH YOUR POWERS OR SEND SHIVERS DOWN OUR SPINES.



SHAKESPEARE CAN UNNERVE US. HERE ARE FOUR OF HIS MYSTICAL CHARACTERS.

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THE WITCHES FROM MACBETH

- Collectively known as the Weird sisters
- Possess supernatural powers and can see into the future

The Witches predicting –

**“BY THE PRICKING OF MY THUMBS,
SOMETHING WICKED THIS WAY COMES.”**

[DISCOVER MACBETH](#)

THE GHOST FROM HAMLET

- An agitated and supernatural figure
- Demands revenge for their unjustified murder

The Ghost demanding –

**“REVENGE HIS FOUL AND MOST
UNNATURAL MURDER.”**

[DISCOVER HAMLET](#)

PROSPERO FROM THE TEMPEST

- A powerful magician
- Can conjure the elements and manipulate others

Prospero conjuring –

**“MY HIGH CHARMS WORK... THEY NOW
ARE IN MY POWER.”**

**[Q&A WITH PROSPERO](#)
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ARIEL FROM THE TEMPEST

- Shape shifting and confrontational spirit
- Loyally serves Prospero in a bid to gain freedom

Ariel confronting –

**“REMEMBER I HAVE DONE THEE
WORTHY SERVICE.”**

[DISCOVER THE TEMPEST](#)

AN EVIL VILLAIN

IMAGINE DARTH VADAR FROM STAR WARS, THANOS FROM THE AVENGERS OR DISNEY'S MALEFICENT
REVEAL YOUR DARK SIDE OR RUTHLESSLY SEIZE POWER



EVERY STORY NEEDS A BADDIE, MEET FOUR OF SHAKESPEARE'S MEANEST

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RICHARD III FROM RICHARD III

- Emotionally complex
- Expert manipulator who schemes their way to the top

Richard the schemer –

"I AM DETERMINED TO PROVE A VILLAIN."

[Q&A WITH RICHARD III](#)
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GONERIL AND REGAN FROM KING LEAR

- Calculating and deceitful daughters of the King
- Turn against their father in pursuit of power

Goneril and Regan the plotters –

"OLD FOOLS ARE BABES AGAIN, AND MOST BE USED."

[DISCOVER KING LEAR](#)

IAGO FROM OTHELLO

- Compelling and deceptive soldier
- Relentless in their pursuit of destruction

IAGO THE DECEIVER -

"I AM NOT WHAT I AM."

[DISCOVER OTHELLO](#)