

Shakespeare in Schools: The Most Common Myths

- Myth #1. Shakespeare wrote four plays.
- Myth #2. The brighter students are the ones who really can best do Shakespeare justice.
- Myth #3. Study of a Shakespeare play in school must begin with Act 1, scene 1, line 1 and go all the way through to the last word in Act 5.
- Myth #4. Students must know the meaning of every word and understand a critical mass of imagery in order to really know a Shakespeare play.
- Myth #5. Shakespeare was an English playwright and the exclusive property of the English.
- Myth #6. Shakespeare's language is complex and convoluted. It is very difficult for students to understand, and some students never can.
- Myth #7. There is a right way to approach Shakespeare's plays and the teaching of them.