



## Year Seven Reading Focus: Shakespeare's England

This term in English, you're exploring the works of William Shakespeare – probably the greatest playwright the world has ever known! In your reading challenge, you will find out about the world in which Shakespeare lived.

**Gold challenge:** ten of the following

**Silver:** seven of the following

**Bronze:** five of the following

Books marked \* are more challenging reads.

**THINGS WE SAY TODAY,  
WHICH WE OWE TO,  
SHAKESPEARE:**

"KNOCK, KNOCK! WHO'S THERE?" "HEART OF GOLD"  
 "IN A PICKLE" "SET YOUR TEETH ON EDGE"  
 "FAINT HEARTED" "SO-SO" "GOOD RIDDANCE"  
 "LIE" "FIGHT FIRE" "BAITED" "SEND HIM PACKING"  
 "LOW" "WITH FIRE" "BREATH" "COME WHAT MAY"  
 "WEAR YOUR HEART ON YOUR SLEEVE" "THE GAME IS UP"  
 "NOT SLEPT ONE WINK" "FULL CIRCLE" "OUT OF THE JAWS OF DEATH"  
 "WHAT'S DONE IS DONE" "NAKED TRUTH" "TOO MUCH OF A GOOD THING"  
 "LAUGHING STOCK" "BREAK THE ICE" "BREADED HIS LAST" "WILD GOOSE CHASE"  
 "HEART OF HEARTS" "VANISH INTO THIN AIR" "MAKES YOUR HAIR STAND ON END"  
 "SEEN BETTER DAYS" "DEAD AS A DOOR NAIL" "FOR GOODNESS' SAKE" "LOVE IS BLIND"  
 "GREEN EYED MONSTER" "FAIR / FOUL" "PLAY / PLAY" "OFF WITH HIS HEAD"  
 "THE WORLD IS MY OYSTER" "BRAVE NEW WORLD" "BE ALL / END ALL" "A SORRY SIGHT"

Title	Author
<i>Spy for the Queen of Scots</i>	Theresa Breslin
<i>Anne Boleyn and Me</i>	Alison Prince
<i>The Other Boleyn Girl*</i>	Philippa Gregory
<i>Fools and Mortals*</i>	Bernard Cornwell
<i>King of Shadows</i>	Susan Cooper
<i>The Players' Boy; The Players and the Rebels</i>	Antonia Forest
<i>A Traveller in Time</i>	Alison Uttley
<i>The Gunpowder Plot Unclassified</i>	Nick Hunter
<i>Treason*</i>	James Jackson
<i>The Gunpowder Plot</i>	Antonia Fraser
<i>The Time Traveller's Guide to Elizabethan England</i>	Ian Mortimer
<i>The Assassin's Code</i>	Alex Woolf
<i>Eliza Rose; Lady Mary</i>	Lucy Worsley
<i>Treason</i>	Berlie Doherty
<i>The Devil and His Boy</i>	Anthony Horowitz
<i>The Tudor Tales series</i>	Terry Deary
<i>The Shakespeare Stories series</i>	Andrew Matthews and Tony Ross
<i>Mr William Shakespeare's Plays; Bravo, Mr William Shakespeare!</i>	Marcia Williams
Plus any graphic novel versions of Shakespeare's plays	

