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WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE



- William Shakespeare was born on April, 1564 in Stratford, England to John and Mary Shakespeare.
- He attended the Stratford Grammar School.
- In 1582, he married Anne Hathaway, his senior, by eight years .
- His daughter Susanna was born in 1583 and his twins Hamnet and Judith.

The Tempest

- ❖ Last play solely written by him(1610)
- ❖ First Folio (1623)
- ❖ Comedy/ Romance

Characters



Prospero

- The play's protagonist, and father of Miranda. His brother, Antonio, in concert with Alonso, King of Naples, usurped him to flee in a boat with his daughter. Prospero has spent his twelve years on the island refining the magic that gives him the power he needs to punish and forgive his enemies.

Miranda

- The daughter of Prospero, Miranda was brought to the island at an early age and has never seen any men other than her father and Caliban, though she dimly remembers being cared for by female servants as an infant.

Ariel

- Prospero's spirit helper. Rescued by Prospero from a long imprisonment at the hands of the witch Sycorax, Ariel is Prospero's servant until Prospero decides to release him.



Caliban

• Half human and half demon Another of Prospero's servants- Caliban, the son of the now-deceased witch Sycorax, acquainted Prospero with the island. When Prospero arrived Caliban believes that the island rightfully belongs to him and has been stolen by Prospero.

Ferdinand

• Love at the first sight Son and heir of Alonso. Ferdinand seems in some ways to be as pure and native as Miranda. He falls in love with her upon first sight and happily submits to servitude in order to win her father's approval.

Gonzalo

A loyal lord at the court of Alonso. An old, honest lord, Gonzalo helped Prospero and Miranda to escape after Antonio usurped Prospero's title. As he remarks on the beauty of the island when the stranded party first lands, then on the desperation of Alonso after the magic banquet.



Alonso- King of Naples and the father of Ferdinand

Antonio- Prospero's brother

Sebastian- Alonso's brother

Stephano- King Alonso's butler

Trinculo- King Alonso's jester

Members of the crew.

THEMES

The concept of usurping a monarch

Political legitimacy

Source of power

Forgiveness

The wild

Element of Magic

SUMMARY

MAJOR CONFLICT

The play opens with a ship wreck. Prospero, the duke of Milan and a powerful magician, was banished from Italy and cast to sea by his usurping brother , Antonio and Alonso, the King of Naples. As the play begins Antonio and Alonso come under Prospero's magic power as they sail past his island.



RISING ACTION

Prospero creates the tempest, causing his enemies' ship to wreck and its passengers to be dispersed about the island.



CLIMAX

Alonso and his party stop to rest, and Prospero causes a banquet to be set out before them. Just as they are about to eat, Ariel appears in the shape of a happy and accuses them of their treachery against Prospero. Alonso is overwhelmed with remorse.

