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LIFELONG LEARNING INSTITUTE
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READING SHAKESPEARE WITH FILM
OCTOBER 3, 2023 – NOVEMBER 7, 2023
10:00 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. (CDT)

Russ Heldman

(The Complete Pelican Shakespeare, Eds. 2002; 1997)

1. October 3, 2023 (“When Mercy Seasons Justice”)

The Merchant of Venice

Film: Michael Radford – Al Pacino/Jeremy Irons (2004)

Clips from:

Act I, Scene 3

Act III, Scene I, lines 21 - 67

Act III, Scene 2, lines 291 - end

Act III, Scene 3, lines 1 - end

Act IV, Scene 1, lines 70 - 395

2. October 10, 2023 (“The Moral Agency of Humankind”)

Macbeth

Film: Trevor Nunn – Ian McKellan/Judi Dench (1978)

Clips from:

Act I, Scene 3, lines 38 - 144

Act I, Scene 5, lines 1 - 52

Act I, Scene 7

Act II, Scene 2, lines 14 - 73

Act V, Scene 1

Act V, Scene 3

Act V, Scene 5, lines 1 - 38

3. October 17, 2023 (“The Nothingness of Forgiveness”)
King Lear

Film: Peter Brook – Paul Scofield (1970)

Film: Trevor Nunn / Chris Hunt – Ian McKellan (2008)

Clips from:

Act I, Scene 1

Act III, Scene 2, lines 1 - 78

Act III, Scene 4, lines 28 - 103

Act IV, Scene 6, lines 92 - 199

Act IV, Scene 7, lines 44 - 84

Act V, Scene 3, lines 1 - 37; 258 - 327

4. October 24, 2023 (“Soliloquy Standing Still – Part 1”)
Hamlet

Film: Sir Laurence Olivier (1948)

Film: Franco Zeffirelli – Mel Gibson (1990)

Film: Kenneth Branagh (1996)

Film: Robert Icke / Rhodri Huw / BBC – Andrew Scott (2018)

Clips from:

Act I, Scene 2, lines 1 - 159

Act I, Scene 4

Act I, Scene 5, lines 1 - 112

Act II, Scene 2, lines 264 - 306; 533 - 591

Act III, Scene 1, lines 56 - 88

5. October 31, 2023 (“Soliloquy Standing Still – Part 2”)
Hamlet

Film: Sir Laurence Olivier (1948)

Film: Franco Zeffirelli – Mel Gibson (1990)

Film: Kenneth Branagh (1996)

Film: Robert Icke / Rhodri Huw / BBC – Andrew Scott (2018)

Clips from:

Act III, Scene 1, lines 56 - 88

Act III, Scene 2, lines 373 - 384

Act III, Scene 3, lines 73 - end

Act IV, Scene 4, lines 9 - 66

Act IV, Scene 2, lines 198 - 213

6. November 7, 2023 (“The Weight of the Crown – Part 1”)

Richard II

The First Part of Henry IV

The Second Part of Henry IV

Henry V

Film: Kenneth Branagh (1989)

Film: Neal Street / BBC - Ben Whishaw / Patrick Stewart / Tom Hiddleston /
Simon Russell Beale / Jeremy Irons (2012)

Henry V

Act IV, Scene 1, lines 275 - 292

Richard II

Act II, Scene I, lines 1 - 223

Act III, Scene 2, lines 143 - 177

Act IV, Scene 1, lines 162 - 317

Henry IV – Part I

Act II, Scene 4, lines 355 - 457

Henry IV – Part II

Act V, Scene 5, lines 41 - 97

Henry V

Act IV, Scene 3, lines 17 – 127

NOTE: Some films and scene selections may be subject to change or revisions.

RESOURCES TO CONSIDER

1. **BARNES & NOBLE SHAKESPEARE (2007)**
"The Merchant of Venice" ed. Julie Crawford
"Macbeth" ed. Jesse M. Handler
"King Lear" ed. Andrew David Hatfield
"Hamlet" ed. Jeff Dolver
"Henry IV Part I" ed. Matthew Dimmock
"Henry V" ed. Benedict S. Robinson
2. **SHAKESPEARE AFTER ALL (2004)***
Marjorie Garber
3. **THIS IS SHAKESPEARE (2019)***
Emma Smith
4. **THE MEANING OF SHAKESPEARE, VOLUME I (1958)**
Harold C. Goddard
5. **THE MEANING OF SHAKESPEARE, VOLUME II (1960)**
Harold C. Goddard
6. **SHAKESPEARE AND THE NATURE OF MAN (1974)**
Theodore Spencer
7. **SHAKESPEARE: THE INVENTION OF THE HUMAN (1999)**
Harold Bloom
8. **SHAKESPEARE AND THE JEWS (2016)**
James Shapiro
9. **WHAT HAPPENS IN HAMLET (2009)**
John Dover Wilson
10. **HAMLET IN PURGATORY (2009)**
Stephen Greenblatt
11. **SHAKESPEARE'S ENGLISH KINGS (2000)**
Peter Saccio
12. **OUR ISLAND STORY: A HISTORY OF BRITAIN (2014)**
H. E. Marshall