The works of SHAKESPEARE

154 SONNETS
38 PLAYS

Some of his comedies are:
A MIDSUMMER NIGHT’S DREAM
ALL’S WELL THAT ENDS WELL
MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING

Some of his histories are:
HENRY THE IV PART ONE & TWO
HENRY THE VI PART ONE-THREE
RICHARD II & RICHARD III

Some of his tragedies are:
ANTHONY AND CLEOPATRA
ROMEO AND JULIET
JULIUS CAESAR
MACBETH
HAMLET

SHAKESPEARE WROTE
is a fourteen line poem written in iambic pentameter. Sonnets have the following rhyme scheme:
ABAB CDCD EFEF GG

SHAKESPEAREAN SONNET
two narrative poems when the theatres were closed in 1593: The Rape of Lucrece and Venus and Adonis.

AN IAMB
is a metrical foot of one stressed & unstressed syllable

IAMBIC PENTAMETER

So long as men can breathe or eyes can see,
So long lives this and this gives life to thee.
Sonnet 18

Iambic Pentameter sounds like:
daDUM daDUM daDUM daDUM daDUM.

WORDSMAITH
Shakespeare is said to be responsible for the introduction of 1700 new words into the English language. Words like amazement, eventful, majestic, hurry, generous and lonely originated with The Bard. He also created many phrases that are still in use today. Some examples are: all that glisters is not gold, catch a cold, naked truth, leap frog, breaking the ice, and fair play.

THE FIRST FOLIO
published in 1623, seven years after his death, was the first collected edition of Shakespeare’s works. It contained thirty-six plays, and eighteen of these had never been published before. The publishers, John Hemminge and Henry Condell, separated the plays into Histories, Comedies and Tragedies.