Dream Works: Lovers And Families In Shakespeare's Plays

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What is the matter with Shakespeare's families? Why do so many of his tragic plays involve injuries and betrayals committed between parents and children, husbands and wives, sisters and brothers? How do these plays respond to changes in the understanding and organization of the family during the English Renaissance? Works by Shakespeare and other Renaissance writers rarely provide a straightforward expression of either older or newer beliefs about the family and marriage. What their texts can show us, instead, are the conflicts and contradictions that emerged as writers examined family relationships during this period. This item appears in the collection Marriage and Family in Shakespeare's England. Tags: illustration religion 17th century Britain Christianity.

Renaissance records of Shakespeare's plays in performance are scarce, but a detailed account of an original production of Macbeth has survived, thanks to Dr. Simon Forman. Earliest known text: First Folio (1623). Othello (1604-1605) Othello, a valiant Moorish general in the service of Venice, falls prey to the devious schemes of his false friend, Iago. Earliest known text: Quarto (1622). The sweet whispers shared by young Tudor lovers throughout the realm were often referred to as "naught but pure Romeo and Juliet." Earliest known text: Quarto (1597). Timon of Athens (1607-1608) Written late in Shakespeare's career, Timon of Athens is criticized as an underdeveloped tragedy, likely co-written by George Wilkins or Cyril Tourneur. One of Shakespeare's great comedies, As You Like It subverts the traditional rules of romance, confusing gender roles, nature, and politics. Read More. Hamlet. An immortal tale of a vengeful Danish prince quite possibly driven to madness, Hamlet, Shakespeare's most widely performed play, is filled with startling insight into humankind's unconscious desires. Widely considered Shakespeare's most intellectually challenging comedy, Love's Labour's Lost nevertheless offers a feast of broad, farcical humor, plot twists, Elizabethan cultural allusions, and irrepressibly clever turns-of-phrase. Read More. Macbeth. RSC Shakespeare Complete Works Edition: Editor's Blog. Popular. Tags.
Works by Shakespeare and other Renaissance writers rarely provide a straightforward expression of either older or newer beliefs about the family and marriage. What their texts can show us, instead, are the conflicts and contradictions that emerged as writers examined family relationships during this period. The following collection of documents provides some historical context for Shakespeare’s plays. The documents include advice manuals and crime literature as well as Biblical family trees, all of which shed light on the many ways that Renaissance people thought about and participated in the family. Stockholder, K. (1987). Dream works: Lovers and families in Shakespeare’s plays. Toronto: University of Toronto Press. Google Scholar. Terwee, S. J. S. (1990). Hermeneutics in psychology and psychoanalysis. New York: Springer Verlag. Google Scholar. Wittgenstein, L. (1953). Cite this paper as: Terwee S.J.S. (1993) Beyond Objectivism and Relativism in Dream Interpretation. In: Stam H.J., Mos L.P., Thorngate W., Kaplan B. (eds) Recent Trends in Theoretical Psychology. Recent Research in Psychology. It is unlikely that Shakespeare was involved directly with the printing of any of his plays, although it should be noted that two of his poems, Venus and Adonis and The Rape of Lucrece were almost certainly printed under his direct supervision. Here you will find the complete text of Shakespeare’s plays, based primarily on the First Folio, and a variety of helpful resources, including extensive explanatory notes, character analysis, source information, and articles and book excerpts on a wide range of topics unique to each drama. Tragedies. Shakespeare was familiar with seven foreign languages and often quoted them directly in his plays. His vocabulary was the largest of any writer, at over twenty-four thousand words. Read on