



## Was Shakespeare German?

with Dr Benedict Schofield, German Studies.

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Drama & Theatre Studies, English Language, English Literature and German

### DISCUSSION POINTS FOR... ENGLISH LITERATURE

1. What is it about Shakespeare that makes us think that he is uniquely the British national poet? What role does his use of language play?
2. To what extent is a Shakespeare play really still “a Shakespeare play” when it is translated into another language? Would Shakespeare “still be Shakespeare” if we “translated” him into modern English, for example?
3. What is it about the structure, plots and characters in Shakespeare that can appeal to audiences and readers across the world? Why do you think Shakespeare’s plays have been performed in so many different countries, and reworked into so many different formats (films, novels, etc)?



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