



## Was Shakespeare German?

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### DISCUSSION POINTS FOR... GERMAN

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. Does it matter if Hamlet says “Sein oder nicht sein; das ist hier die Frage” rather than “To be, or not to be, that is the question”? What is lost in translation – and what can be gained in translation?
3. Why do you think the Germans are specifically attracted to Shakespeare? Is there something about German history and society that means his plays about the power struggles of English history, or his comedies about overturning social structures, are of specific interest to the Germans?



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