

Tragedies

- There were few happy endings for any of the characters in Shakespeare's tragedies.
- In these plays, kings, lords and merchants are often greedy and ambitious, but they all come to a sticky end! If anyone does fall in love, it almost certainly ends in heartache, if not death.
- The tragedies include: *Hamlet*, *Othello*, *King Lear* and *Romeo and Juliet*.



Shakespeare's longest play, *Hamlet*, takes four hours to perform!

Histories

- Shakespeare liked to write plays about real characters from history.
- He took famous tales from history and brought them to life on the stage. Much of what we know about kings and queens of long ago is based on what Shakespeare wrote in his plays.
- Some of his history plays are: *Julius Caesar*, *Henry V* and *Richard III*.

