

## LIBERTY LIBERAL ARTS ACADEMY

### Shakespeare

**Teacher:** Ms. Anna Johansen

**Age:** High School

**Teacher Compensation:** \$225.00 per student per year. Payable in 9 Monthly Installments of \$25.00

**Teacher Supply Fee:** A one-time \$10 supply fee per student

**Required Materials:** On the first day of class, each student will need:

1. Notebook for note-taking

#### **Class Description:**

*Break the ice. Good riddance. Dead as a doornail. Bated breath. Knock, knock, who's there?*

Ever used one of these phrases? Congratulations! You've been quoting Shakespeare without even realizing it.

Though Shakespeare is typically associated with incomprehensible language, never-ending monologues, and absurd tragedy (Romeo and Juliet, anyone?), we actually owe a lot more to the Bard than we realize. In this class, students will read multiple plays in each of Shakespeare's major genres—tragedy, comedy, and history. Instead of focusing solely on reading or annotation, however, the class will get to know the characters and plot by dramatizing sections, re-interpreting monologues, and creating their own Shakespearean productions.

In short: this class is for anyone who hates Shakespeare, loves Shakespeare, or doesn't understand Shakespeare.

#### **Class Goals:**

Students will gain a greater appreciation for Shakespeare's humor, use of language, and contribution to daily conversation. They'll be able to identify major themes and techniques, determine the realism or historicity of a play, and explain the impact of Shakespeare's work on culture then and now.