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Titel: William Shakespeare – *Macbeth*

Bestellnummer: 2683

Kurzvorstellung:

- Abiturwissen

Inhaltsübersicht:

- Author and his time, plot, form, themes and symbols, intention
- Der Autor und seine Zeit, Inhalt, Form, Themen und Symbole, Intention



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Macbeth

Time period	<p><i>Macbeth</i> was first performed in 1606 when Shakespeare reached the highlight of his career.. James I of England (James VI of Scotland) succeeded Elizabeth I.</p> <p>The play was written to flatter¹ the new king (→ Scottish history). Historical revulsions: England manifested its role as a world power after the victory over Spain, America was being explored. Old ideas of law and justice, religion and government were overthrown, London developed into a centre of both power and culture. The English language began to change rapidly.</p> <p>A lot was ‘modern’ in that time period, yet ‘medieval’ ways of thinking remained dominant.</p> <p>When you read <i>Macbeth</i>, it is noticeable that many of these developments influenced the writing of the play.</p>
Biographical notes	<p>William Shakespeare was born as the third child of John Shakespeare, a noble and influential tanner² and glovemaker, and Mary Arden Shakespeare in Stratford-upon-Avon in 1564. His exact date of birth remains unknown but he was baptised on April 26.</p> <p>As a young boy William must have enjoyed an excellent education, for his plays not only show a profound knowledge of Latin and Greek but also a deep insight into philosophy, religion, politics, history and social matters.</p> <p>At the age of 18 he got married to Anne Hathaway (three children: Susanna, Hamnet, Judith). The family moved to London around 1592, where Shakespeare soon joined a theatre company as writer and actor: <i>The Lord Chamberlain’s Men</i> (renamed <i>The King’s Men</i> after the ascension of the throne of James I).</p> <p>Under the patronage of Queen Elizabeth I and later James I Shakespeare’s company soon became the favourite one in town. The famous ‘Globe Theatre’ was built around 1598.</p> <p>His fame allowed him an early retirement in 1611 when he moved back to his birth-place Stratford with comfort and ease.</p> <p>He died on April 23 1616.</p> <p>The first folio³ edition of Shakespeare’s collected plays and sonnets was edited and printed by John Heminges and Henry Condell, both members of <i>The King’s Men</i>, as a tribute to their friend in 1623.</p>

¹ schmeicheln

² Gerber

³ ein Druckformat



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