

The Tempest

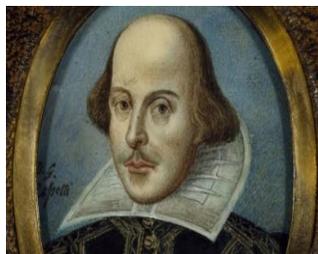


Characters in The Tempest

Prospero	He used to be the Duke of Milan and now rules the island. He is Miranda's father.
Miranda	Prospero's daughter - she lives on the island with her father.
Ariel	Prospero's servant. Ariel is a spirit of the island.
Caliban	Prospero's slave. He was born on the island and is the son of a witch.
Ferdinand	Prince of Naples. He is the son of Alonso.
Trinculo	Alonso's jester. Friends with Stephano.
Stephano	Alonso's butler. Friends with Trinculo.
Alonso	King of Naples. He is Ferdinand's father.
Antonio	Prospero's brother. He became the Duke of Milan after overthrowing his brother.
Gonzalo	Alonso's counsellor and trusted advisor.

Key Historical Figures

William Shakespeare



Born: 1564 Died: 1616
He was an English poet, playwright and actor. Shakespeare's works include 38 plays, 2 narrative poems, 154 sonnets and other poems.

Sir Walter Raleigh

Born: 1554 Died: 1618
He was an English explorer, soldier and writer. Aged 17, he fought with the French Huguenots and later studied at Oxford. He became a favourite of Queen Elizabeth I after serving in her army in Ireland. He was knighted in 1585 and within 2 years became Captain of the Queen's Guard.



Sir Francis Drake



Born: c. 1540-3 Died: 1596
An English explorer who became the second person ever to travel around the globe.

John Cabot

Born: 1540 Died: 1598
An Italian explorer who claimed land in Canada for England.



John Hawkins



Born: 1532 Died: 1595
In 1577 he introduced a new type of warship.

Key Geographical Vocabulary

Flood	An overflow of a large amount of water over what is usually dry land.
Impact	Something which has a strong effect on a person or situation.
Defences	Something which protects land from flooding.
Dredging	To clear the bed of an area of water by scooping out mud, weeds and rubbish.
Barrier	Something which obstructs water from entering a place.
Hurricane	Tropical storms which form in the Atlantic Ocean. They have strong winds, heavy rain and walls of water which cause a lot of destruction. They have an eye in the centre of the storm which can be 20-40 miles wide where there is calm weather. The eyewall is clouds which swirl around the eye and have the most intense wind and rain, sometimes as fast as 200 miles an hour.
Typhoon	Another name for a tropical storm when they happen around the Philippines, Japan and China.
Cyclone	Another name for a tropical storm when they happen in the western South Pacific and Indian Ocean.
Tornado	Vertical funnels of rapidly spinning air. Their winds can be as high as 250 miles an hour.
Tropical storm	They can be known as hurricanes, typhoons and cyclones. They bring heavy rainfall and strong winds and as a result, there may be mudslides and floods.
Pressure	The weight of air pressing down on the earth's surface.

This term I have learnt:
