

Using poetry to tell stories

- A short history of English: Celtic languages, Old English, Middle English and Early Modern English.
- *Beowulf*: style (alliteration and kenning) and themes.
Texts:
The hero comes to Heorot
Beowulf and Grendel: the fight
Beowulf's funeral
- Geoffrey Chaucer and *The Canterbury Tales*.
Texts:
The Prologue
The Prioress
The Merchant
The Wife of Bath
- John Milton and the Commonwealth. *Paradise Lost*: structure, themes, style.
Text:
Satan's speech

The sonnet

- The sonnet from Italy to England.
Texts:
Petrarch, *Pace non trovo*
Thomas Wyatt, *I find no peace*
- Shakespeare's sonnets: the addressees and the themes.
Texts:
Sonnet XVIII
Sonnet LX
Sonnet CXXX
- The evolution of the sonnet.
Texts:
John Milton, *On his blindness*
Mary Wroth, Sonnet 16

Shakespeare the dramatist

- Theatre during Elizabethan Age. Shakespeare's plays. Shakespeare and contemporary English. Vocabulary about theatre.
- *Hamlet*: plot, characters, themes, structure. The meaning of the idiom "cruel to be kind".
Texts:
Hamlet meets the ghost
To be or not to be
- *Othello*: plot, characters, themes, style. The meaning of the idiom "the green-eyed monster".
Texts:
Iago's jealousy
Eros and Thanatos
- *Macbeth*: plot, setting, characters, themes, style.
Texts:
Duncan's murder
A tale told by an idiot
- *The Merchant of Venice*: plot and the character of Shylock. The meaning of the idiom "a pound of flesh".
Text:
I am a Jew
- *The Tempest*: plot, setting and the character of Caliban.
Text:
Prospero and Caliban

Educazione civica

- Residential Schools in Canada. Timeline. The apologies by the government and the Pope.
- Documentary: *We Were Children*.

English conversation

- Canada: wild animals and largest cities.
- Riddle challenge.
- Speaking activity: talk to your partner and report back to class.
- Videos: *The secrets of learning a new language* and *The benefits of a bilingual brain*. Group presentations on polyglots.

Libro di testo

AA.VV., *Performer Heritage 2nd edition*, vol. 1, Zanichelli.

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Gli studenti

Le docenti

