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Inglés

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Película: Shakespeare	
Apasionado (Shakespeare in love)	
Clasificación	IV/6 S405

**Dirección:** John Madden  
**Producción:** Universal Pictures  
**Formato:** DVD  
**Año:** 1998  
**Duración:** 137 min  
**Género:** Drama / Comedia

**Interpretación (actores):** William Shakespeare (Joseph Fiennes), Viola de Lesseps (Gwyneth Paltrow), Philip Henslowe (Geoffrey Rush)  
**Subtítulos:** Inglés, Español, Portugués, Coreano, Chino, Tailandés

**Sinopsis:** It is the fictional story of how the tremendously popular play "Romeo and Juliet" was written by its author in times when he wasn't the iconic English figure he is now.

**Nivel de dificultad de comprensión del idioma:** Intermedio Superior- Avanzado

**Recomendaciones para mejorar la comprensión:**

- \*If your language understanding is basic watch the film with subtitles in Spanish.
- \*If your language understanding is intermediate or upper-intermediate watch the film with subtitles in English.
- \* If your language understanding is advanced watch the film without subtitles.

### Actividades propuestas

**Antes de ver la película:**

*Contesta lo siguiente:*

- a) Watch the following video and predict what the story will be about.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CxNF4eA6yw>

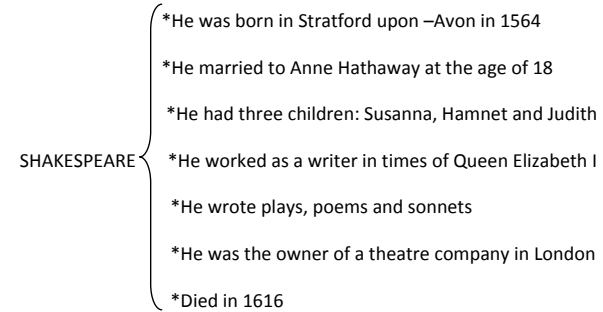


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b) What do you know about William Shakespeare? To find more about it take a look at the following diagram:



**Durante la película:**

*Contesta lo siguiente:*

a) What is William Shakespeare's profession?	( ) Because it is her duty to marry the man her parents choose.
b) What is Viola's passion?	( ) Because there is a woman acting in the play.
c) Why do Will and Viola meet?	( ) To Virginia with her husband Lord Wessex.
d) Why does Viola must marry Lord Wessex?	( ) Comedies.
e) What type of plays does the Queen like?	( ) Because Viola goes to an audition for a theater play.
f) What play is Shakespeare writing?	( ) Because she respects women who perform the job of men.
g) Which writer is killed?	( ) Writer.
h) Why is the theatre "The Rose" closed?	( ) Christopher Marlowe.
i) What happen the day Viola gets married?	( ) The play Romeo and Juliet has its premiere.



j) Why does the Queen forgive Viola for acting in a play?	( ) Theatre.
k) Where does Viola go in the end?	( ) Romeo and Juliet.

*\*Read the following phrases which were written by Shakespeare and which are quite popular in the common knowledge and explain them in your own words:*

- a) "Better a witty fool than a foolish wit."
- b) "Better three hours too soon than a minute too late."
- c) "A fool thinks himself to be wise, but a wise man knows himself to be a fool."
- d) "Good night, good night! Parting is such sweet sorrow, that I shall say good night till it be morrow."
- e) "Suspicion always haunts the guilty mind."
- f) "There is nothing either good or bad, but thinking makes it so."
- g) "We know what we are, but not what we may be."

**Después de ver la película:**

*Contesta lo siguiente:*

- a) Women at that time had the duty of getting married to whom their parents wanted. What is your opinion of that tradition?
- b) Women at that time couldn't act in a theatre play. What do you think of that restriction?
- c) At that time in some social classes, you couldn't get married without the permission of the King or the Queen. What do you think of that requirement?
- d) In your opinion what is better, the old times or the modern era? Support your answer.