

SHAKESPEARE: POP CULTURE INSPIRED BY WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE

As well as popularizing countless words and phrases that we use in our everyday language, Shakespeare also serves as the inspiration for many other stories. Here are a few:

- “The Lion King” from Disney uses *Hamlet* as its inspiration
- “West Side Story” the musical is an adaptation of *Romeo and Juliet*
- “She’s the Man” owes its plot to *Twelfth Night*
- The film “10 Things I Hate About You” is a reworking of *The Taming of the Shrew*
- Overall, there are 44 movies that are inspired by Shakespeare’s plays!
- Herman Melville has said to have drawn inspiration for *Moby-Dick* from *King Lear* and *Macbeth*
- *Brave New World* by Aldous Huxley is inspired by *The Tempest*
- *The Sound and Fury* by William Faulkner owes its title to a line from *Macbeth*
- Tom Stoppard wrote a whole play called *Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead* that is a spin off of two characters from *Hamlet*
- “Kiss Me, Kate” the musical by Cole Porter owes its plot to *The Taming of the Shrew*