GOOD WEBSITES AND OER-MATERIAL FOR TEACHING SHAKESPEARE - A SELECTION -

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(1) Shakespeare Network

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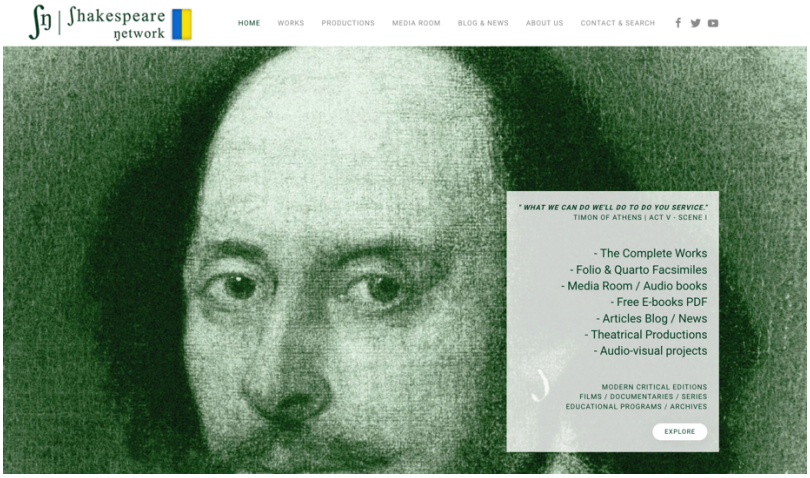
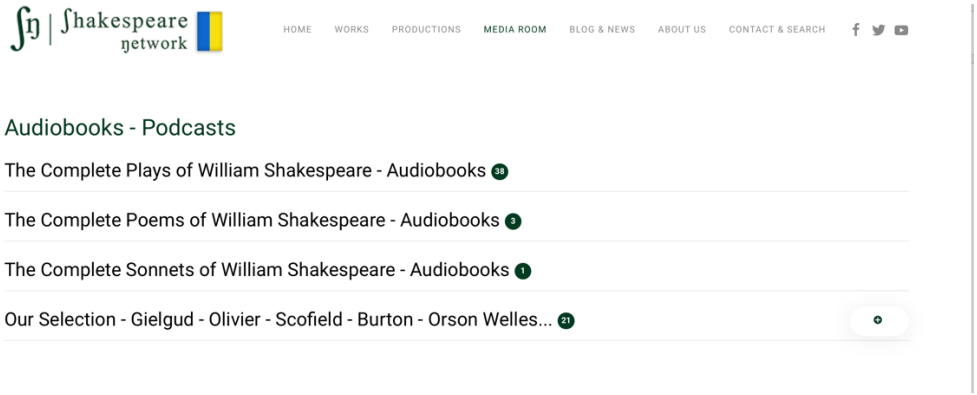
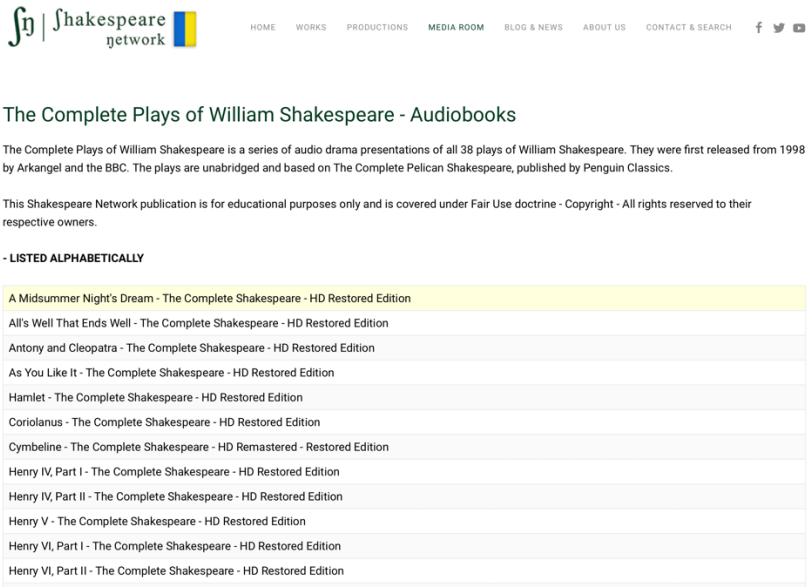
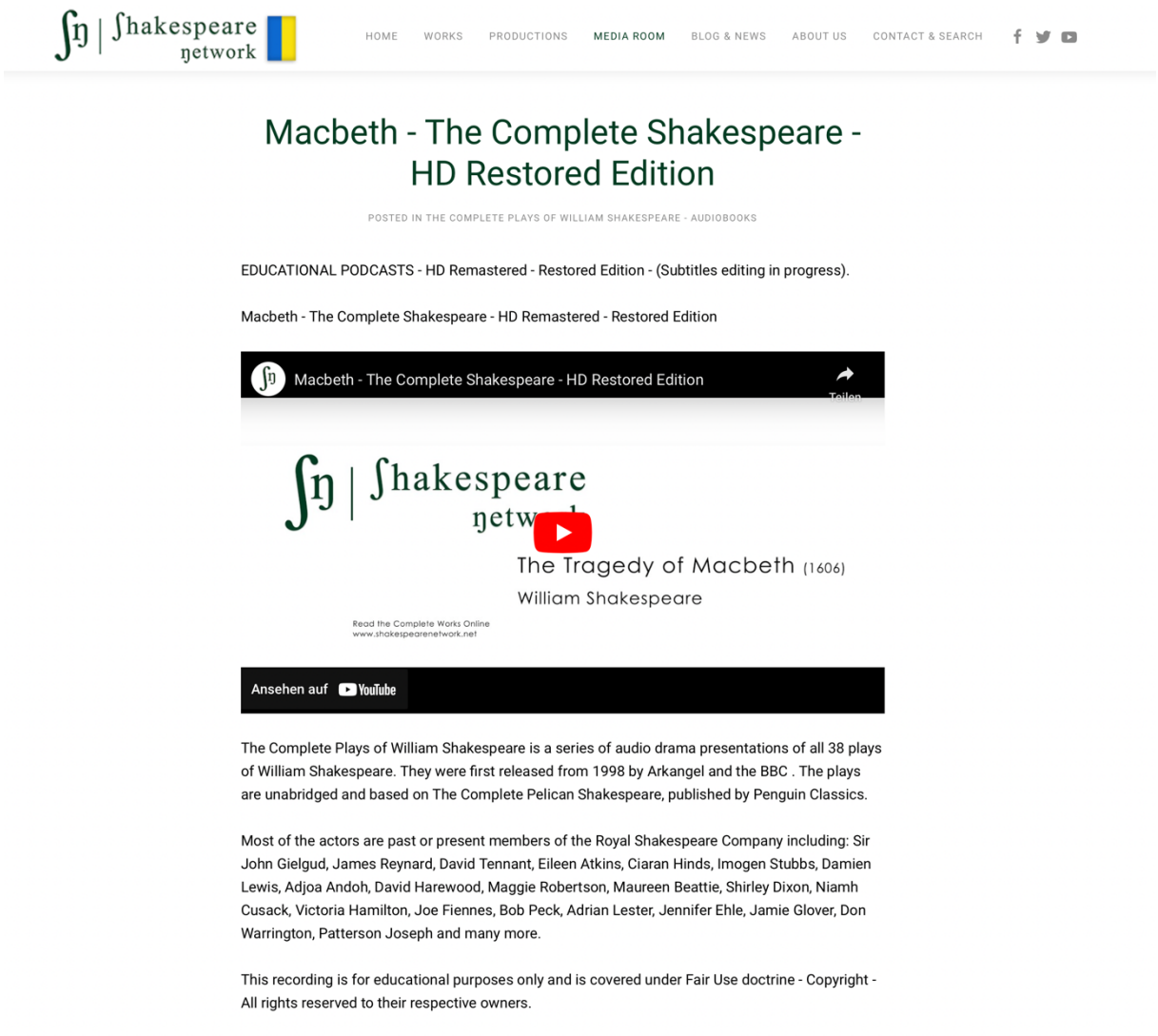




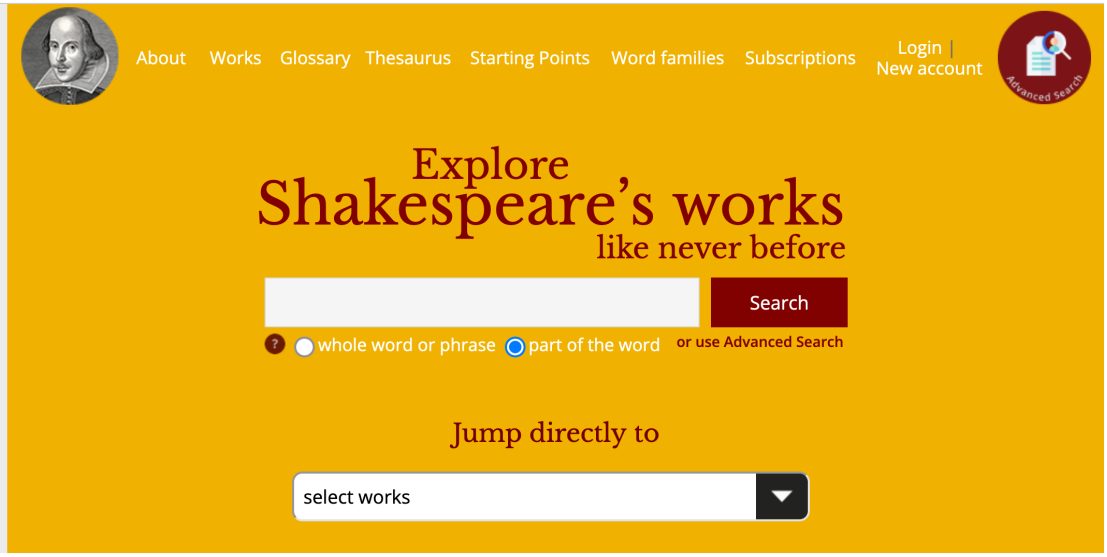


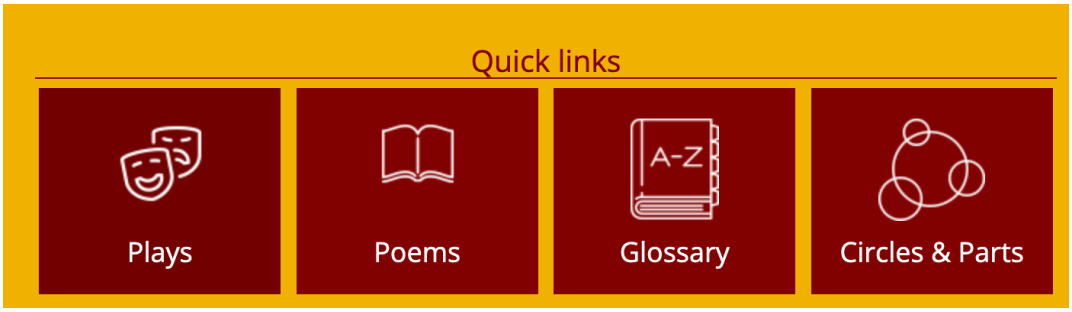


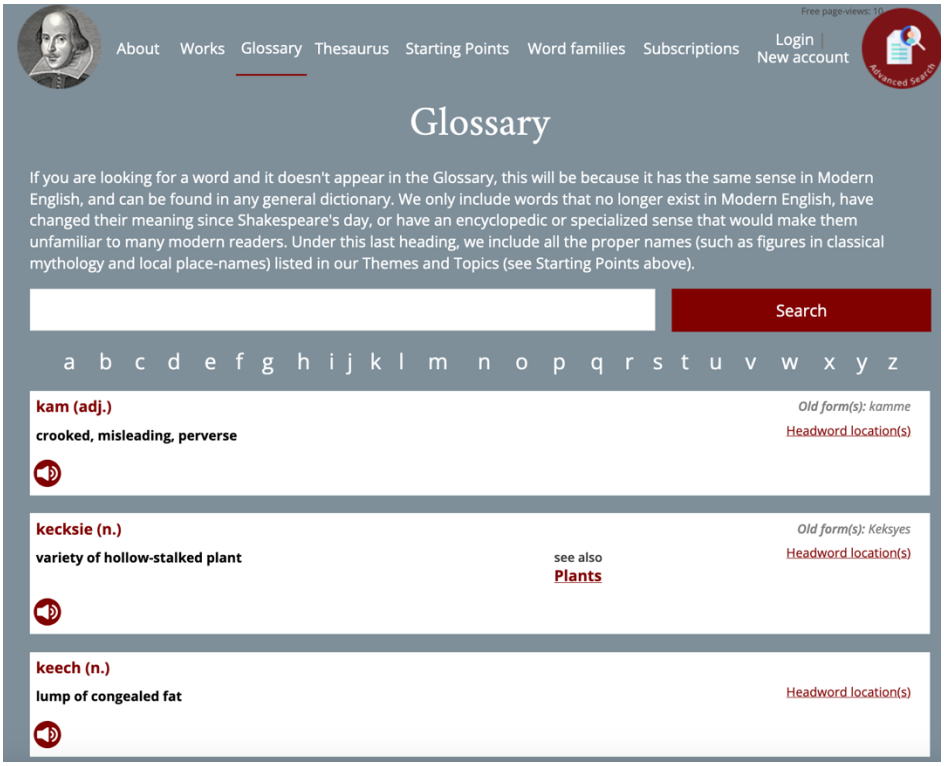
YouTube channel: https://www.youtube.com/c/ShakespeareNetwork

(2) ShakespeareWords

Website: https://www.shakespeareswords.com







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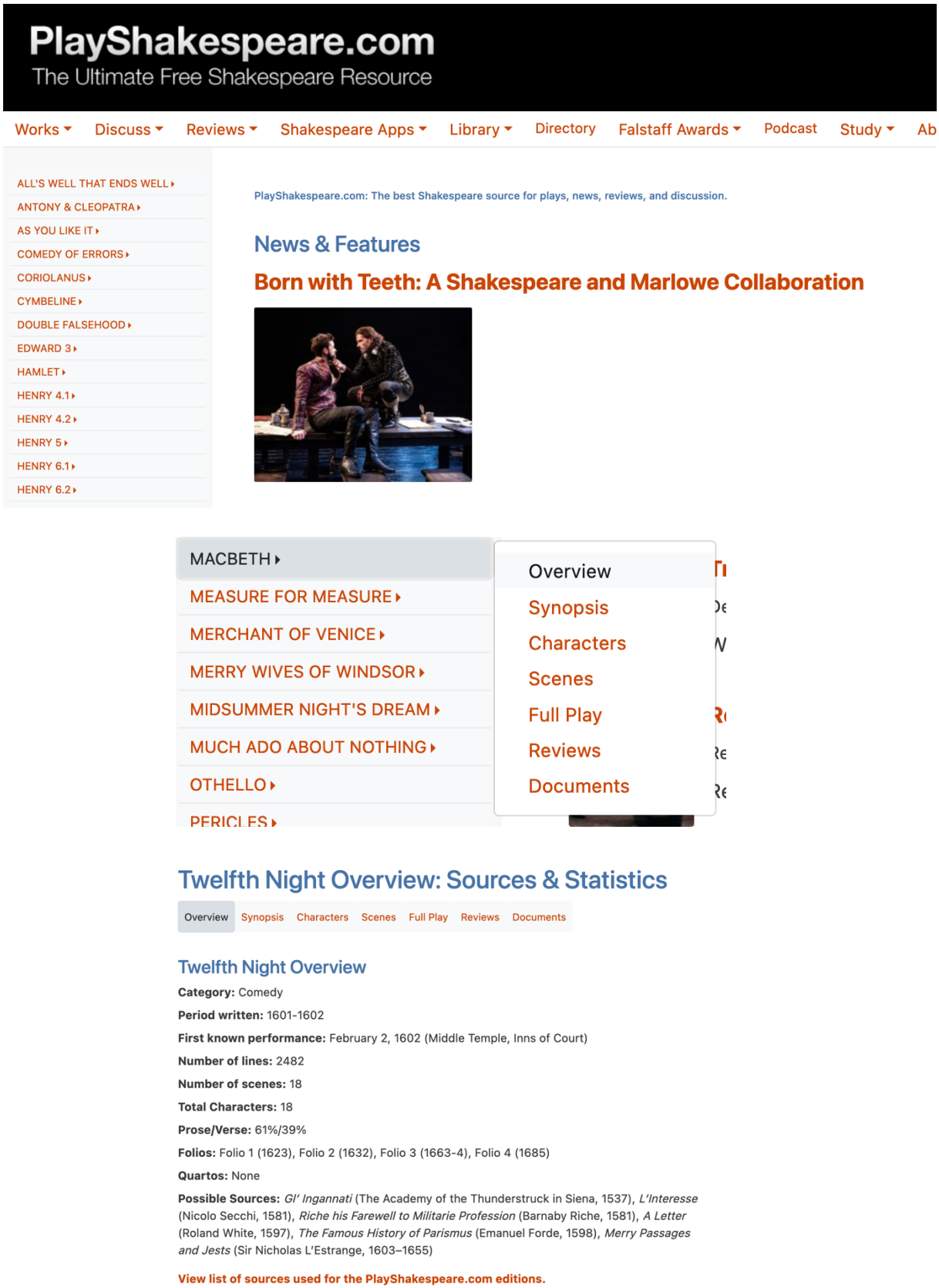

(4) Shakespeare App

The app *Shakespeare* offers a variety of free resources surrounding Shakespeare and his plays. Downloaded more than 20 million times across all platforms (iOS and Android), it is known as the #1 Shakespeare app. The app allows users to easily access high-quality Shakespearean plays, poems and sonnets and provides scene summaries, characterizations and more. The Pro-version of the app allows users to personalize their reading experience, provides a glossary and a search function across all Shakespearean texts.

Shakespeare for Apple devices (free):
https://apps.apple.com/us/app/shakespeare/id285035416?ign-mpt=uo%3D4

Shakespeare for Android devices (free):
https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.playshakespeare.shakespeare

Shakespeare Pro for Apple devices:
https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/shakespeare-pro/id341392367?mt=8&uo=4&at=10lwMA

(5) Shakespeare Birthplace Trust

Shakespeare Birthplace Trust presents a collection of freely available and well-designed worksheets and other teaching resources for most of Shakespeare's plays as well as teaching material providing background information about the author, his time, works and his use of language. Users can easily navigate the website by applying filters (for the teaching level, the topic as well as the chosen medium, i.e. classroom resources, museum activities, videos, or interactive activities). In addition, the so-called 'Shakespedia' provides further information about the author, his works, and different related aspects.

Website: https://www.shakespeare.org.uk/

Teaching resources: https://www.shakespeare.org.uk/education/teaching-resources/

"Shakespedia": https://www.shakespeare.org.uk/explore-shakespeare/shakespedia/

(6) Globe

The website *Teach Shakespeare* by The Globe offers valuable resources for teaching Shakespeare. Created with the help of experienced teachers, the website allows registered users to find suitable teaching resources, as well as save, personalize, and organize their favorite findings in order to help teachers prepare their teaching units. The resources include plot summaries, info texts, videos and so much more … In addition, The Globe released a free application for iOS devices which offers teachers and students the chance to take part in a virtual 3D tour around the Globe Theatre.

Website: https://teach.shakespearesglobe.com/

Virtual tour: https://www.shakespearesglobe.com/discover/about-us/virtual-tour/#virtual-tour-360-app

Virtual Tour: 360 App (available for iOS)

(7) Royal Shakespeare Company

The *Shakespeare Learning Zone* by the Royal Shakespeare Company offers resources that allow for an in-depth study of a variety of Shakespeare's plays (the list of plays is regularly updated). For each play, the information provided on the websites is subdivided into four different categories, i.e. the story, the characters, the language, and the staging. The fact that for each play the information can be accessed on three different learning levels allows teachers to choose the suitable level of depth and difficulty for their students in a differentiated way. In addition, the content of the website includes a plethora of pictures, drawings, and video material from previous productions by the RSC that help the texts come to life.

Website: https://www.rsc.org.uk/shakespeare-learning-zone

(8) Shakespeare in Shorts

This website provides six of William Shakespeare's most famous plays adapted as engaging animated short films. Tailored for students aged 7-14, these videos can serve as a good introduction to Shakespeare's works and are also a good entry point for the deeper exploration of these plays.

Website:
https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/4w5xvV324jx463XyCyctnBs/shakespeare-in-shorts

(9) British Council

The British Council offers a wide range of resources for the teaching of Shakespeare in order to bring his plays to life in the classroom and to inspire students to engage with his work. Their online platform *LearnEnglish Kids* offers various games and videos as well as short easy reader versions of several of Shakespeare's plays.

Macbeth: https://learnenglishkids.britishcouncil.org/short-stories/macbeth

Twelfth Night: https://learnenglishkids.britishcouncil.org/short-stories/twelfth-night

(10) Approaching Shakespeare (Podcast by Emma Smith, University of Oxford)

This podcast offers an in-depth exploration of individual plays by Shakespeare, using a variety of approaches to discuss the historical research background as well as the contemporary relevance of each play. The podcasts (approx. 45-50 minutes each) were recorded as live lectures and are highly informative and fun to listen to at the same time.

Website: https://podcasts.ox.ac.uk/series/approaching-shakespeare

Episode on *Macbeth*: https://podcasts.ox.ac.uk/macbeth

Episode on *Twelfth Night*: https://podcasts.ox.ac.uk/twelfth-night

(11) Cambridge School Shakespeare

This is the companion website to the Cambridge School Shakespeare series, which was initially developed by Rex Gibson as part of his transformative Shakespeare and Schools Project, being for example the acknowledged forerunner of today's "Globe Education Program" and many more such programs fostering active (drama) approaches to bring Shakespeare to modern teenage audiences.

After a free registration, teachers have access to teaching material for many of Shakespeare's plays. These resources include multimedia activities, games, quizzes, tools, inspiring video and audio clips, photo galleries of plays in performance, notes, performance tips, and blog posts from established Shakespeare experts. The resources are free of charge.

Website: https://cambridgeschoolshakespeare.com

Macbeth teacher resource hub: https://cambridgeschoolshakespeare.com/teacher-resources/macbeth-teacher-resource-hub

(12) Manga Classics

Manga Classics offers graphic novel adaptations of classic literature, designed for young adults but equally enjoyable for leisure reading or in an educational setting. The adaptations provide an engaging way for readers of all ages to rediscover or encounter classic literature for the first time by combining compelling storytelling with today's popular manga style. Teachers seeking to incorporate Manga Classics into their teaching can find sample lesson plans/teaching guides on the website.

Website: https://www.mangaclassics.com/

Manga Classics *Macbeth* - Teaching Guide:
https://www.mangaclassics.com/_files/ugd/07a538_c8483e0739cc4fc4b3e3ed13791047a7.pdf