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No Holds Bard

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William Shakespeare has a way of showing up everywhere, especially in everyday expressions. In fact, you've probably quoted him already without even knowing it. The Bard coined many famous phrases that we still use today, such as these: "without rhyme or reason," "eaten out of house and home," and "in a pickle!" Look at the quotations below. What do you think Shakespeare meant to say? Rewrite each one in your own words.

1. "This above all: to thine own self be true."

2. "Brevity is the soul of wit."

3. "The fool doth think he is wise, but the wise man knows himself to be a fool."

4. "What's in a name? That which we call a rose by any other name would smell as sweet."

5. "But love is blind, and lovers cannot see."

6. "Cowards die many times before their deaths; the valiant never taste of death but once."

7. "What's done is done."

8. "Love looks not with the eyes but with the mind."

9. "I am a man more sinned against than sinning."

10. "I have not slept one wink."

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