

Introduction

This guide is designed to help you master the topics that come up most often on *Jeopardy!*. Every fact, person, place, or title listed in the following chapters has been featured at least three times in a *Jeopardy!* clue at some point in the show's history.

Items marked with an asterisk (*) have been mentioned more than once in the **past ten years**, making them especially valuable for current gameplay preparation.

Entries are listed in order of frequency—those that appear more often come first—so you can prioritize your study time accordingly.

Jeopardy! is known for reusing and rephrasing clues, so understanding what has come up before is one of the most effective ways to anticipate what might appear again.

Whether you're preparing to compete or just want to improve your trivia skills, this guide focuses your efforts where they matter most.

Shakespeare

Tragedies

- *Hamlet**: Prince of Denmark struggles with revenge and madness; characters include Hamlet, Ophelia, Claudius, Gertrude. Notable quote: "To thine own self be true."
- *Macbeth**: Scottish nobleman driven to murder by ambition; characters include Macbeth, Lady Macbeth, the Three Witches. Notable quotes: "Blood will have blood" and "Is this a dagger which I see before me?"
- *Romeo and Juliet**: Star-crossed lovers from feuding families; characters include Romeo, Juliet, Mercutio, Tybalt. Notable quote: "Thus, with a kiss I die..."
- *Othello**: Moorish general in Venice manipulated by Iago; characters include Othello, Desdemona, Iago, Cassio. Frequently referenced location: Venice.
- *King Lear**: Tragic story of an aging king and his daughters; characters include Lear, Cordelia, Goneril, Regan.
- *Julius Caesar**: Political conspiracy and betrayal in ancient Rome; characters include Caesar, Brutus, Cassius, Mark Antony.
- *Titus Andronicus*: Early violent tragedy; characters include Titus, Tamora, Aaron.
- *Antony and Cleopatra*: Tragedy of power and romance; characters include Antony, Cleopatra, Octavius Caesar.

Comedies

- *A Midsummer Night's Dream**: Magical mishaps in an enchanted forest; characters include Puck, Oberon, Titania, Hermia.
- *Twelfth Night**: Shipwrecks, mistaken identities, and love triangles; characters include Viola, Orsino, Olivia, Malvolio.
- *Much Ado About Nothing**: Comedy of misunderstandings and love; characters include Beatrice, Benedick, Hero, Claudio. Frequently referenced location: Messina.
- *As You Like It**: Forest exile and gender disguise; characters include Rosalind, Orlando, Jaques.
- *The Taming of the Shrew**: Battle of the sexes comedy; characters include Petruchio, Katherine, Bianca.

- *The Comedy of Errors*: Mistaken identity farce; characters include Antipholus, Dromio. Frequently referenced location: Ephesus.
- *The Tempest**: Prospero uses magic to restore his daughter's status; characters include Prospero, Miranda, Ariel, Caliban.

Histories

- *Henry V**: Chronicles English victory at Agincourt; characters include Henry V, Falstaff, Catherine.
- *Richard III**: Rise and fall of a villainous monarch; characters include Richard III, Buckingham, Lady Anne.