

Name _____ Date _____ Hour _____

You Insult Me—Shakespeare Style

Barney _____

Brittany Spears _____

Michael Jackson _____

Hannah Montana (aka Miley Cyrus) _____

Paris Hilton _____

The Jonas Brothers _____

Will Smith _____

Teletubbies _____

Michael Phelps _____

Your best friend _____

Your worst enemy _____

Other _____

You will be using the words included here from Shakespeare's plays to write crafty, fitting insults for 7 of the people you listed above. Be ready to use your sparring words as we improvise our way through Romeo and Juliet!

The rich language of Shakespeare's time lent itself to especially colorful insults, far superior to our lame attempts today. As a person in a city where fighting often breaks out, it's always useful to have a few good insults handy. To create perfect insults, choose a word from each column on the following pages. Begin with "Thou" and then add your A, B, and C word choices in order. For example, "Thou crusty, toad-spotted dunghill!" You may mix and match as necessary! Practice speaking your insult until it sounds appropriately insulting!

A

Babbling
Banished
Beastly
Cankered
Clamorous
Contagious
Crusty
Deceitful
Filthy
Flouting
Foul
Impudent
Injurious
Insinuating
Insolent
Leprous
Loathsome
Mangy
Mildewed
Misshapen
Murderous
Noisome
Obstinate
Odiferous
Peevish
Perfidious
Putrefied
Prating
Ramping
Rancorous
Rheumy
Ruinous
Scolding
Scurvy
Sly
Spongey
Swaggering
Tedious
Testy
Timorous
Unvirtuous
Usurping
Venomed
Vile
Villainous
Viperous
Wrangling

B

All-changing
Barren-spirited
Base-born
Beetle-headed
Blunt-witted
Brazen-faced
Bunch-backed
Clay-brained
Cold-blooded
Crook-backed
Crooked-pated
Devil-monked
Dog-hearted
Dull-eyed
Fat-kidneyed
Glass-faced
Hag-seeded
Hedge-born
Idle-headed
Ill-favored
Lack-brained
Lean-witted
Lily-livered
Logger-headed
Long-tongued
Milk-livered
Motley-minded
Mouse-eaten
Muddy-mottled
Muscle-shelled
Pigeon-livered
Raw-boned
Rump-fed
Shallow-hearted
Shame-faced
Sheep-biting
Sheep-whistling
Shrill-voiced
Small-knowing
Smooth-faced
Toad-spotted
Wall-eyed
Wasp-stung
Whey-faced
White-livered
Wide-chapped
Woman-queller

C

Bawd
Beast
Bloodsucker
Bubble
Carrion
Churl
Clod
Cur
Dame
Dastard
Dog-ape
Dolt
Dotard
Drone
Drudge
Dunghill
Flibbertigibbet
Gaud
Haggard
Hedgehog
Hind
Ingrate
Jack-dog
Knat
Knaves
Lubber
Maggot-pie
Malt-horse
Maltworm
Minion
Milksop
Rabble
Ragamuffin
Rogue
Scullion
Sinner
Sloth
Sluggard
Sot
Stench
Strumpet
Swain
Swasher
Tyrant
Wanton
Want-wit
Wretch