

Name _____ **Chiasmus**

Shakespeare's Chiasmus



Chiasmus is a literary device in which the grammar of one phrase is inverted in the phrase that follows, so two key **concepts** from the original phrase reappear in the second phrase in inverted order. NOTE: It is not the exact words that reappear in inverted order, but the **concepts**.

Shakespeare frequently used this literary device in his plays. As you read the assigned text(s), note down any instances of chiasmus you encounter below.

1. Name of Play: _____

Act: _____ Scene: _____ Line: _____

Chiasmus: _____

2. Name of Play: _____

Act: _____ Scene: _____ Line: _____

Chiasmus: _____

3. Name of Play: _____

Act: _____ Scene: _____ Line: _____

Chiasmus: _____
