Now, the Classical histories, the English histories of Shakespeare, are based on actual history. Most people think that William Shakespeare, who died in 1616, wrote three kinds of plays: comedies, tragedies and histories. In high school, teachers spend a great deal of time guiding students through the rigors of Shakespeare's tragedies and histories, but what about the comedies? And you can see the influence of Shakespeare's histories in the emphasis on grieving fathers and sons, and the cyclical nature of violence. The plays are printed roughly in the Folio order, comedies f...

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