

## Shakespeare, William: 1564–1616

### The Tempest, 1623 – Characters

**Prospero** – The rightful Duke of Milan, who was exiled to a remote island with his daughter Miranda.

**Miranda** – Prospero's daughter, who has lived her entire life on the island.

**Ariel** – A powerful air spirit who serves Prospero.

**Caliban** – A deformed savage and native inhabitant of the island. He is enslaved by Prospero.

**Ferdinand** – The son of the King of Naples, who falls in love with Miranda.

**Alonso** – The King of Naples, whose ship is caught in the tempest caused by Prospero.

**Antonio** – Prospero's brother.

**Sebastian** – Alonso's brother.

**Gonzalo** – An honest old counselor.

**Trinculo and Stephano** – A jester and a drunken butler who encounter Caliban and attempt to kill Prospero.

**Iris, Ceres, Juno, Nymphs, and Reapers** – Spirits who perform a masque for Miranda and Ferdinand's engagement.