

Standard Abbreviations of Shakespearean Titles

According to the [MLA Handbook](#), students may abbreviate titles of works and parts of works to avoid awkward or repetitive citation in their papers. Do note the [MLA Handbook's](#) suggestion to write out the full title the first time you mention the play, and then use abbreviations thereafter: "It is usually best to introduce an abbreviation in parentheses immediately after the first use of the full title in the text: '[In All's Well That Ends Well](#) (AWW), Shakespeare develops the character of . . .'" Below is a list of standard abbreviations for Shakespeare's work that you should use in citations. See the [MLA Handbook](#), 5th edition, for further information.

<i>Ado</i>	<i>Much Ado about Nothing</i>	<i>MND</i>	<i>A Midsummer Night's Dream</i>
<i>Ant.</i>	<i>Antony and Cleopatra</i>		
<i>AWW</i>	<i>All's Well that Ends Well</i>	<i>MV</i>	<i>The Merchant of Venice</i>
<i>AYL</i>	<i>As You Like It</i>	<i>Oth.</i>	<i>Othello</i>
<i>Cor.</i>	<i>Coriolanus</i>	<i>Per.</i>	<i>Pericles</i>
<i>Cym.</i>	<i>Cymbeline</i>	<i>PhT</i>	<i>The Phoenix and the Turtle</i>
<i>Err.</i>	<i>The Comedy of Errors</i>		
<i>F1</i>	<i>First Folio ed. (1623)</i>	<i>PP</i>	<i>The Passionate Pilgrim</i>
<i>F2</i>	<i>Second Folio ed. (1632)</i>	<i>Q</i>	<i>Quarto ed.</i>
<i>Ham.</i>	<i>Hamlet</i>	<i>R2</i>	<i>Richard II</i>
<i>1H4</i>	<i>Henry IV, Part 1</i>	<i>R3</i>	<i>Richard III</i>
<i>2H4</i>	<i>Henry IV, Part 2</i>	<i>Rom.</i>	<i>Romeo and Juliet</i>
<i>H5</i>	<i>Henry V</i>	<i>Shr.</i>	<i>The Taming of the Shrew</i>
<i>1H6</i>	<i>Henry VI, Part 1</i>	<i>Son.</i>	<i>Sonnets</i>
<i>2H6</i>	<i>Henry VI, Part 2</i>	<i>TGV</i>	<i>Two Gentlemen of Verona</i>
<i>3H6</i>	<i>Henry VI, Part 3</i>		
<i>H8</i>	<i>Henry VIII</i>	<i>Tim.</i>	<i>Timon of Athens</i>
<i>JC</i>	<i>Julius Caesar</i>	<i>Tit.</i>	<i>Titus Andronicus</i>
<i>Jn.</i>	<i>King John</i>	<i>Tmp.</i>	<i>The Tempest</i>
<i>LC</i>	<i>A Lover's Complaint</i>	<i>TN</i>	<i>Twelfth Night</i>
<i>LLL</i>	<i>Love's Labour's Lost</i>	<i>TNK</i>	<i>The Two Noble Kinsmen</i>
<i>Lr.</i>	<i>King Lear</i>	<i>Tro.</i>	<i>Troilus and Cressida</i>
<i>Luc.</i>	<i>The Rape of the Lucrece</i>	<i>Ven.</i>	<i>Venus and Adonis</i>
<i>Mac.</i>	<i>Macbeth</i>	<i>Wiv.</i>	<i>The Merry Wives of Windsor</i>
<i>MM</i>	<i>Measure for Measure</i>	<i>WT</i>	<i>The Winter's Tale</i>