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# Dr. Faustus: Contents and the Biography of Christopher Marlowe

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## **Introduction to the Play**

- Christopher Marlowe
- The Tragical History of the life and death of Dr. Faustus
- Genre: tragedy
- Reflects the spirit of Renaissance

## The Theme of the Play

- Faith in God
- Avoiding the black magic

## The Biography of Christopher Marlowe

- Father john Marlowe (shoemaker)
- Mother Catherine
- Baptism date 26 feb 1564
- Education at kings school Canterbury
- Ba at Cambridge (1584)
- Ma (1587)
- 1) father of English tragedy drama
- 2) morning star of English tragedy drama
- 3) the creator of English verse

#### **Major Characters**

- Doctor Faustus
- Mephistopheles
- Lucifer
- Old Man
- · Good Angel
- Evil Angel

## **Summary**

- Doctor Faustus, a well-respected German scholar of logic, medicine, law, and religion and decides that he wants to learn to practice magic.
- summoning up Mephistopheles, a devil.
- Faustus's soul in exchange for twenty-four years of service from Mephistopheles.
- Despite warning "Homo fudge,"
- · Signed in the agreement with blood

## **Questions on Hell and Heaven to the Devil**

- Faustus begins to travel. He goes to the pope's court in Rome, makes himself invisible, and plays a series of tricks.
- Charles V (the enemy of the pope), who asks Faustus to allow him to see Alexander the Great, Faustus summons Helen.
- Faustus is overcome by fear and remorse.
- He begs for mercy, but it is too late.
- At midnight, a host of devils appears and carries his soul off to hell.
- In the morning, the scholars find Faustus's limbs and decide to hold a funeral for him.

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