



What can you expect from these lines?

In groups, pay careful attention to the following lines, all addressed to the same person. Briefly analyse what they have in common regarding form and content to guess who the person here targetted could be.



Common points regarding form	Common points regarding content	Your guess
<p>Lines (in verse), addressed to one person > probably a theatrical play</p> <p>Words in early modern English ("thou," "thee," "thy", "dost") > work of an English playwright from the Renaissance</p> <p>Pentameter, most of the time iambic, and unrhymed verse (blank verse) > probably a play by Shakespeare, about noble characters</p>	<p>Insults and curses</p> <p>Accusing the target of being an animal ("hog", "dog", "toad"), a monster or a demon ("elvish-marked" "son of hell" "cacodemon"), in other words inhuman ("infection of a man", "fouler" "detested")</p> <p>Abuse specifically focuses on physical appearance ("ugly", "unnatural aspect", "lump of foul deformity" "Thou dost infect mine eyes")</p> <p>Mention of a kingdom</p> <p>> probably a Shakespearean play about a cruel king who is said to be devilish and suffers from physical disabilities</p>	<p>William Shakespeare's Richard III</p> 