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Web Quest: The Life & Times of William Shakespeare

Directions: Retrieve the Web Quest from the link in your email, or type www.littrip.wikispaces.com into the url bar in Safari.

Under where it says "In Class," click the link that says "Virtual Field Trip: Shakespeare's England," to begin the Web Quest.

Shakespeare's Biography



Click on Bill to see him insult Dr. Seuss in a rap battle.

The first insult William says is "Come, bite _____."

What disease does he mention? _____.



Click on the Globe Theater to go to England!

- William Shakespeare was born in a little town called _____.
The name came from the location of the town itself, which was upon the river _____.
- Theatre was centered in _____, however was _____ from the city's proper. It was instead forced to the suburbs in _____. This was called the _____.



Click on the map to go to Shakespeare's Timeline.

Timeline of the Bard

Click on the first photo on the page. The photos will link to an article, or video for you to read or watch. After you are finished, click on **“Go back to the timeline”** to return to the timeline page and click on the next photo.



William Shakespeare's

Birth date _____

Death _____

Birth town _____

Parents _____ & _____



School: Describe the school Shakespeare probably attended.



Wedding 1582

The bond for marriage was issued to: _____
& _____.

Why was the marriage rushed?



How many children did William & Anne have?

Include their names and birth dates below.



London, Home of Theater: The Lost Years

(From the reading) What is the most commonly told story about Shakespeare having to leave Stratford? Hint: Poaching-hunting



Upstart Crow

Watch this short video clip about the Lost Years.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0cml1PkGEe4&feature=channel>

What are some commonly believed theories about what Shakespeare was doing during this time?

What did Robert Greene call Shakespeare in the first literary reference to William in 1592?



Return to Stratford Watch the video clip

The name of Shakespeare's house was _____.

His will gives us one the only examples of his _____.

He died on his _____.

April 23, 1616



Where is Shakespeare buried?

Explain the inscription he has on his grave. Why was it written there?

After you've finished the timeline, click NEXT!

The Elizabethan Age



Elizabethan Era 1558-1603

London

“It [was] an unequal society of great _____ and unimaginable _____ with a population bedeviled by parasites, regularly decimated by _____, often malnourished and rife with suspicion, superstition and bloodlust.”

“There was ... a growth in what we now call service industries - _____ - offering the Elizabethan equivalent of a bed...[as well as] family entertainments like public _____ and bear _____, and the world’s oldest profession, _____.”



Elizabeth I

Watch the short video clip and answer the following questions.

What was Queen Elizabeth’s nickname?

This time of flourishing in England is referred to the _____
_____.

The population increased to 200 thousand people in England. This was a _____% increase.

1/3 of all of Shakespeare’s plays were performed for a royal occasion. Name two of three of these plays performed.



Forms of Entertainment

Explain what the sport of bear bating was. Why would this type of entertainment be frowned upon today?

Explain the sport of bull baiting.



Lord Chamberlain's Men

1. Who founded the acting company?
2. What year was the group founded?
3. What theater did they start to perform at?
4. Where did they move their performances?
5. Why did their name change? What was this new name?
6. Other than Shakespeare, name two other players in the company.

The Globe Theatre

Follow the link at the bottom of the page to the Globe Theater



Click [to watch the short video clip on the Globe Theatre](#)

Answer the questions below.

1. When and where was the Globe constructed?
2. How much was standing room admission?
3. When were plays performed? Why?
4. What were some foods eaten at the theater?
5. Why did the Globe burn down? Explain.
6. What did the Puritans do in 1643? Why do you think they did this?



Click the  to see photos of the Globe

Label the different sections of the Globe Theatre. Include a brief description for each section.

One Day At The Globe

When he wasn't at Court, Shakespeare was busy as _____.

The Globe presented a new play _____, and there was little time to _____.

Most actors _____.

One troupe used only _____ to play _____ roles.

Female roles were played by _____ until they started _____.

Shakespeare's favorite actor for female roles was _____.

The cheapest seats were occupied by _____.

Click **NEXT!**

The Plays



Globe Theatre Flags

1. What were flags used for at the Globe Theatre? Why?
2. What flag would be used to advertise a tragedy?
3. Why would a red flag be flown?



Globe Theatre Props

1. List 4 types of props used at the Globe Theatre.
2. Canon
 - a. What were they used for during performances?
 - b. What happened in 1613?



Globe Theatre Costumes

1. Where did the Globe theatre get their costumes?
2. Why were people forbidden to wear clothes of a higher status?
3. Explain why the actors of the Globe could wear these clothes.
4. How did the audience know the status of a character on stage? Explain.



Globe Theatre Food

1. List the food that would be eaten at the Globe Theatre.



Globe Theatre Female Roles

1. Who would play the role of Juliet during a performance at the Globe Theatre? Why?

2. Describe the negative health effects associated with the makeup worn by the female characters.