

GROUP 1:

The Life William Shakespeare



1. Where was Shakespeare born? _____
2. Shakespeare died in the year _____
3. Shakespeare's got married to _____
4. How old were Shakespeare and his wife when they got married? _____
5. Shakespeare grew up in _____
6. How many children did Shakespeare have? What were their names?

7. What is the title of William Shakespeare's first published poem?

8. Describe Shakespeare's early childhood. Include details about his parents, siblings, and education.

9. What are the “lost years” (dates) in Shakespeare’s life? What is the most commonly told story about Shakespeare leaving Stratford?

10. What was the name of the first play Shakespeare wrote? When was it published? How many plays did he write in total?

11. What was the name of the acting group that Shakespeare joined in 1594 with Richard Burbage and Will Kempe? _____



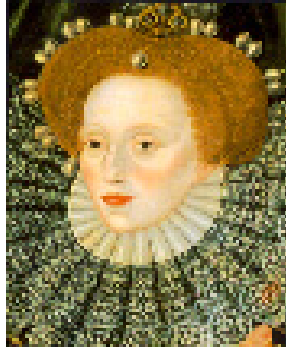
GROUP 2: Shakespeare and the Globe Theatre



1. When was the Globe first built? _____
2. When did it burn? During what play? _____
3. In what year was The Globe first rebuilt? _____
4. Who closed the Globe? In what year?

5. How long did the "New Globe" take to build, from ground-breaking ceremony to inauguration ceremony? _____
6. Who inaugurated it? _____
7. What American actor established the Globe Playhouse Trust? _____
8. How large was the original Globe? (diameter) _____
10. What were some **special effects** that he and his company made on stage during some of his plays?

11. What was the name of the group of **people** that stood on the ground in front of the stage and had the most fun? _____
12. What was the name of the **theater** where most of Shakespeare's plays were made famous? _____



1. Shakespeare wrote during the Elizabethan Age. Why was it called that? Briefly describe this age in England.

2. Read all of the categories in this section called “the family”. Give one fact from each section.

3. The reign of Elizabeth was a great age of English exploration. English merchants purchased _____ species used in preserving _____.

4. These species were obtained through _____.

5. Some of the notable English explorers during this time were

6. The explorer _____ discovered Newfoundland in the year _____.
7. The explorer _____ landed in Greenland and Canada.
8. The Venice Company was founded in the year _____ and in 1592 it merged with the Turkey Company to form the _____ company.
9. The worst illness during the Shakespearean time was known as the _____ plague.
10. Germs for the plague were carried on fleas that lived on _____ rats.

5. Explain the following terms:

- a) Bear-baiting b) The Pit c) Gravediggers d) Hut
- e) Playbill e) Strolling Players f) Decimate

GROUP 4: Venice in Shakespearean Era



1. Where is Venice? _____

2. What was the city of Venice known for in Shakespearean times?

3. What were the prominent goods merchants traded on in Venice?

4. People from Venice were called _____.

5. Venice was known for inventing _____, _____, and _____.

6. What is Anti-Semitic?

7. How were the Jews treated during the Shakespearean era?