

GROUP 1: The Life of William Shakespeare



1. Where was Shakespeare born?
<http://www.britannica.com/shakespeare/macro/5009/50.html#0061>
2. Shakespeare died in the year _____?
<http://www.gprc.ab.ca/employees/homepages/ghanna/life.html>
3. What was the name of Shakespeare's wife?
4. How old were Shakespeare and his wife when they got married?
<http://www.bartleby.com/65/sh/Shakespe.html>
5. What was the name of the town where Shakespeare grew up?
6. How many children did Shakespeare have? What were their names?
7. What is the name 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?

<http://shakespeare.palomar.edu/timeline/timeline.htm>

10.

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

<http://web.uvic.ca/shakespeare/Library/SLTnoframes/life/fastfacts.html>

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





http://www.google.ca/search?q=shakespeare+globe+theatre&hl=en&tbs=tl:1&tbo=u&ei=rxj8StT-OoKKnQemkcCZBQ&sa=X&oi=timeline_result&ct=title&resnum=12&ved=0CCcQ5wlwCw

1. When was the Globe first built?

<http://www.shakespeare-online.com/theatre/theglobe.html>

<http://www.enotes.com/william-shakespeare/shakespeares-globe-theater>

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?

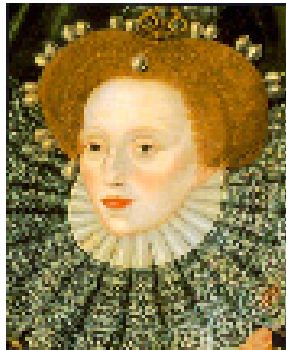
7. What American actor established the Globe Playhouse Trust?

8. How large was the original Globe? (diameter)

9. How were the dimensions of the original Globe agreed upon by historians?

GROUP 3:

Elizabethan Times



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

<http://www.bardweb.net/england.html>

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

<http://web.uvic.ca/shakespeare/Library/SLT/society/familysubj.html>

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

<http://history.wisc.edu/sommerville/361/361-19.htm>

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

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

<http://internetshakespeare.uvic.ca/Library/SLT/society/jews.html>

<http://internetshakespeare.uvic.ca/Library/SLT/plays/mershylock.html>