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Shakespeare WebQuest

Directions: You will work independently to complete this mini-research project. Use the links in the WebQuest (sent to your student email) to answer the following questions. Each page you encounter will provide you with the information you need to answer each question. Make sure that you record this information on your own sheet

Shakespeare & The Globe

Use this link to answer the questions in this section:

<http://www.biography.com/people/william-shakespeare-9480323?page=2#theatrical-beginnings>

1. William Shakespeare was born in what year?
2. What date do we recognize as his birthday?
3. Where was Shakespeare born?
4. Under Married Life: Whom did Shakespeare marry? How many children did they have?
5. Under Married Life: What time period covers the lost years? Why are they called the lost years?
6. Under Theatrical Beginnings find the acting company Shakespeare was associated with in the early days.
7. What day and year did Shakespeare die? Why is this interesting? How old was he when he died?

Use this link for question 8: <http://www.life123.com/parenting/education/shakespeare/why-is-shakespeare-called-the-bard.shtml>

8. What does the word BARD mean? Why is Shakespeare known as “the Bard”?

GLOBE :

Use this link to answer the questions in this section:

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

9. Where did the timbers to build The Globe come from?

10. Who was the carpenter who built The Globe?

11. Where exactly was The Globe originally built?

Use this link to answer # 12:

<http://www.history.com/this-day-in-history/the-globe-theater-burns-down>

12. What happened to the Globe theatre on July 29, 1613? What happened as a result?

Use this link to answer # 13:

<http://www.william-shakespeare.info/william-shakespeare-globe-theatre.htm>

13. How big was The Globe? How many people did it seat?

About Marriage

<http://elizabethan.org/compendium/9.html>

Romeo & Juliet marry secretly, but because she is trying to escape the arranged marriage to Paris. Read this site about marriage in the Renaissance and answer this question.

14. Name three marriage and betrothal customs found on this page.

About Language

<http://elizabethan.org/compendium/20.html>

15. A famous line from *Romeo and Juliet* is when Juliet says, “Romeo, Romeo, wherefore art thou Romeo?” What does “wherefore” mean? What does “stay” mean?

About Theatre in Shakespeare’s Time

Use this link to answer the questions in this section:

<http://www.uni-koeln.de/phil-fak/englisch/shakespeare/> (Click on “Actors, Acting & Audience” on the left-hand side of the page.)

16. How many women actors did the company usually feature?

17. Was Shakespeare an actor? What was the term used to refer to actors?

18. How were the seats arranged for the audience? How did one get a good seat?

19. What would the audience do if they did not like a performance?

Romeo and Juliet

Use this link to answer the questions in this section:

<http://www.william-shakespeare.info/shakespeare-play-romeo-and-juliet.htm>

20. What kind of play is *Romeo and Juliet*? (See “The theme”)

21. Where does the story take place?

22. Where did Shakespeare get the idea and story for the play? (Look for “History of the play”)

23. The main characters are Romeo _____ and Juliet _____.