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Use complete sentences if needed

Shakespeare Webquest

Type in the following web address, feel free to look at the images and read the information:

http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/primaryhistory/famouspeople/william_shakespeare/

Click on Why is Shakespeare famous?

1. What is Shakespeare considered to be one of the greatest at?
2. What city was Shakespeare born in?
3. What large English city did Shakespeare move to, so he could become an actor?
4. How did Shakespeare become famous?
5. How long ago did Shakespeare live?
6. How is Shakespeare still relevant or important today?
7. When was Shakespeare born?
8. What royal family time period did Shakespeare live during?
9. List three major historical events in England that took place during Shakespeare's life?
10. What year did Shakespeare die?

Click on The Young Shakespeare

11. What occupation or job did Shakespeare's father have?
12. What important government job did Shakespeare's father have in the town of Stratford?

13. **What classes did Shakespeare take at grammar school?**
14. **What famous person did Shakespeare possibly see when he was eleven?**
15. **At what age did Shakespeare leave school?**
16. **Who did Shakespeare marry in 1582? How many kids did they have?**

Click on Shakespeare in London

17. **Why do historians know so little about Shakespeare's early life?**
18. **Why was London such an important city in the 1500s?**
19. **When did the first theatre or playhouse open in London?**
20. **What terrible event happened to London in 1593?**
21. **Why did Shakespeare start writing poems in 1593?**
22. **What is a nobleman?**

Click on Plays in Shakespeare's time

23. **What is a company?**
24. **What was unique about the Globe Theatre?**

25. **What were theaters like in the 1500s and 1600s?**
26. **What gender were all of the actors in Shakespeare's timeperiod?**
27. **What kind of special effects did plays have in the 1500s and 1600s?**
28. **How was the Globe Theater destroyed?**
29. **What types of plays did Shakespeare write?**
30. **What play is Shakespeare's most famous tragedy play?**

Click on [More about Shakespeare](#)

31. **What kind of success did Shakespeare have by 1598?**
32. **How did King James I treat Shakespeare?**
33. **What are some of the great plays Shakespeare wrote between 1600 and 1608?**
34. **How old was Shakespeare when he died?**
35. **How many plays did Shakespeare write or help write before he died?**
36. **Why were Shakespeare plays printed as books in 1623?**
37. **List some of the words or expressions Shakespeare made up for his plays?**

38. Why is it hard to read some of Shakespeare's plays today?

Click on Fun Facts

39. What did Shakespeare leave his wife in his will?

40. What was invented around the time Shakespeare was born?

41. How did rich people watch plays in the wintertime?

42. How many known signatures of Shakespeare are there?

43. What was Shakespeare's first play? What was his last play?

44. What could people buy while they were watching a play at the Globe Theater?

45. What grade would you give Shakespeare for his impact on the world?

A

B

C

D

F

Explain your grade!

On the main page, take the William Shakespeare quiz. Record your score on the bottom of your paper.