



The World of SHAKESPEARE

Read the handout and make notes below:

THE REIGN OF ELIZABETH:

FROM:

TO:

WHAT PROBLEMS DID SHE HAVE?

HOW DID ENGLAND FLOURISH
UNDER HER?



THE BLACK DEATH:

ENTERTAINMENT:



KING JAMES:



The theatre of SHAKESPEARE

1576

THE FIRST REAL
THEATER IS BUILT BY

Before this, plays were



ZERO

THE NUMBER OF
WOMEN ACTORS
WHY?

COMMONERS

NOBLES

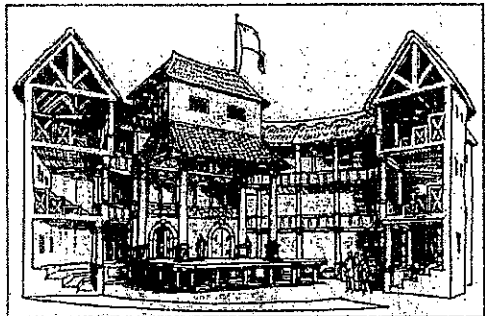
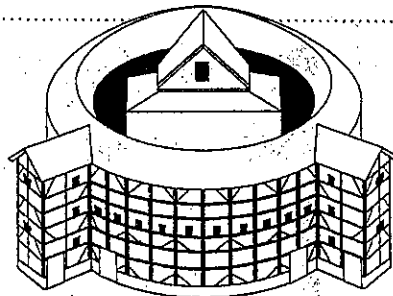
All members of
society enjoyed going
to the theatre

LORD CHAMBERLAIN'S MEN

THE KING'S MEN

1593
1603
1608

THEATRES CLOSED



THE GLOBE
OPEN AIR
CIRCULAR
STORIES HIGH

The main stage was _____
high. Two _____ were at
stage level. At the base of the
stage was "_____", where the

GROUNDLINGS

would stand to watch the play
for the cost of _____. For two
pennies, the more well-to-do
could sit in three levels of

BALCONIES

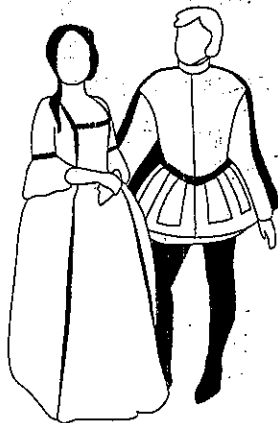
In _____, The Globe went up in
flames when a canon was used
for a performance of *Henry VII*. It
was rebuilt a year later, with the
straw roof replace by _____. The
Puritans closed the theatre in
_____.

THOUSAND

The number of people who would go to a play.

THE AUDIENCE

Shakespeare's audience was made up
of all social classes. They would have
been more rambunctious than today's
theatre-goers. The groundlings would



_____.
The rich, in their seats, were protected
from the rowdiness of the crowds in
the pit. The richest nobles had the
option of _____.
Outside the theatre, patrons could
shop at open-air markets.



Introducing WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE

Fill in the following, using the resources at *Introducing Shakespeare station*:

HIS BIRTH DATE:



WE AREN'T SURE BECAUSE:

BIRTHPLACE:

TIMELINE:

Record what you learn about the following years::

1582:

@1585:

1593:

1594:

1603:

HIS DEATH:

MEMBERS OF HIS FAMILY:

FATHER:

MOTHER

WIFE:

CHILDREN

HIS EDUCATION:

NAME OF HIS SCHOOL:



HE STUDIED:

HE DID NOT ATTEND UNIVERSITY BECAUSE:

HIS LEGACY

WHAT DID HE LEAVE HIS WIFE?

WHAT DID HE LEAVE THE WORLD?

WHY IS HE CALLED "THE BARD"?

BEN JOHNSON SAID OF HIM:



The works of SHAKESPEARE

SONNETS PLAYS COMEDIES

Some of his comedies are:



A SHAKESPEAREAN SONNET

is a _____ line poem written in
_____. Sonnets have the
following rhyme scheme:

HISTORIES

Some of his histories are:

SHAKESPEARE WROTE

two narrative poems when the theatres were closed
in 1593:

AN IAMB IS A METRICAL FOOT OF

Penta is
Greek for five. There are
five iambs in a line of
iambic penta-
meter.

TRAGEDIES

Some of his tragedies are:

IAMBIC PENTAMETER

So long|as men|can breathe|or eyes|can see,
So long|lives this|and this|gives life|to thee.

Sonnet 18

Iambic Pentameter sounds like:
daDUM daDUM daDUM daDUM daDUM.

WORDSMITH

Shakespeare is said to be responsible
for the introduction of _____ new words
into the English language. Words like

_____ originated with The
Bard. He also created many phrases
that are still in use today. Some ex-
amples are: _____

THE FIRST FOLIO

published in _____, _____ years after his death,
was _____ of Shakespeare's works. It
contained thirty-six plays, and _____
of these had never been published before. The
publishers, John Hemminge and Henry Condell,
separated the plays into _____

