

ROMEO & JULIET: WEBQUEST

Name: _____ Date: _____ Period: _____

About Shakespeare

Use the link <http://www.biography.com> or any other source; search Shakespeare, and answer the following questions.

1. William Shakespeare was born in what year?
2. What date do we recognize as his birthday?
3. What was important about Stratford-upon-Avon in the 16th century?
4. Find the acting companies Shakespeare was associated with in the early days (1594-ish). Name one.
5. What is the probable year that Romeo and Juliet was written?
6. Answer these questions about construction of The Globe Theatre:
 1. Where did the timbers to build the Globe come from?
 2. Who was the carpenter who built the Globe?
 3. What was Shakespeare's share as "householder?"
7. What day and year did Shakespeare die? Why is this an *interesting* date? How old was Shakespeare when he died?

About Marriage

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

8. Romeo & Juliet marry secretly, but because she is trying to escape the arranged marriage to Paris. Read this site about marriage in Elizabethan England and answer these questions.
 1. What does betrothal mean?
 2. Name three marriage and betrothal customs found on this page.
9. Click on the link for "[more wedding customs.](#)"
 1. What color should the bride's dress be?
 2. How is the intention to marry announced? What happens if it is not announced previous to the event?

3. Describe the wedding procession.

4. What is a dowry?

10. Explain how important is a wedding ring to the Elizabethans? (<http://elizabethan.org/compendium/76.html>)

About Food

<http://elizabethan.org/compendium/46.html>

11. How many meals do people generally eat each day?

12. Why would people in Shakespeare's day not know what a chocolate chip cookie is?

(<http://elizabethan.org/compendium/38.html>)

13. Lord Capulet throws a huge party, feast and all. Imagine you are in charge of that menu. Luckily for you, today you only have to plan a menu for a small dinner party. Be sure to use only food available in Europe during this time. Choose at least two vegetables, two meats, and two fruits or nuts.

(<http://elizabethan.org/compendium/47.html>)

Dinner Menu

About Language

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

14. A famous line from *Romeo and Juliet* is when Juliet says, "Romeo, Romeo, wherefore art thou Romeo?" What does "wherefore" mean?

15. What does "stay" mean?

16. Put your translation in column two. Keep the phrases just about the same, but use Elizabethan words where you can. So, in other words, you rewrite the entire phrase but replace as many words as you can using Elizabethan English. (<http://elizabethan.org/compendium/29.html>)

Person A	Hello. (A sneezes) Excuse me.	
Person B	Gesundheit!	
A	Thank you.	
B	Say, do you know where the closest bathroom is?	
A	Certainly. It's down the street in the Kings Tavern.	
B	Thanks. Goodbye.	

About Theatre in Shakespeare's Time

<http://www.uni-koeln.de/phil-fak/englisch/shakespeare/> (Click on "Actors, Acting, & Audience" tab on the left)

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 seating arrangements for the audience? How did one get a good seat?

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

Shakespearean Insults

20. Go to the [Shakespearean Insult Kit](#) and create your own insult. How you do it is to start with the word "Thou." Next, take a phrase/word from the first column to begin your insult, continue by adding something from the second column, and finish it up royally with something from the third column. Type your own personal Shakespearean insult in the table below. [Thou + choice from column 1 + choice from column 2 + choice from column 3 = your custom made insult].

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