

Shakespeare Scavenger Hunt

You must answer at least SIX of these questions on your own paper. Extra credit will be awarded if you can answer all 12!



(1) Shakespeare's Family: Find out about William Shakespeare's family and early life in Stratford-on-Avon. What can you find out about the lives of Shakespeare's children? Who was Ann Hathaway? What can you find out about Shakespeare's marriage to her?

(2) Find out about Queen Elizabeth. What sort of monarch was she? What is she most famous for?

(3) What was the place of England in the world during Elizabethan times? What were some key European events during this time?

(4) Find out what you can about Elizabethan views on young love and parental obedience.

(5) Find out what you can about Elizabethan views on suicide.

(6) When did Shakespeare move to London? What sort of city was London at this time? How did Shakespeare make his living in London? What sort of life did he lead?

(7) What did people do for entertainment in Elizabethan London? What did people believe about the influence of the stars on people's lives during Elizabethan times?

(8) What was an apothecary? What did they do?

(9) What theatres were operating in London? Which ones was Shakespeare associated with? What was The Lord Chamberlain's Company (later The Kings Men). What was Shakespeare's association with it? Find out about the original Globe Theatre - what happened to it?

(10) Find out about Quartos. Why have different versions of Shakespeare's plays existed over time?

(11) How many plays did Shakespeare write? Name some of the most famous ones. What else did he write?

(12) Approximately how many different words did Shakespeare utilize (or create) in the English Language? In contrast, how many different words were utilized in the creation of the King James version of the Bible?