

Shakespeare in Love

Part I - Decide if the following details from the movie **probably** really happened in Elizabethan London during Shakespeare's life and times. Put True or False in the blank, then below each statement, **explain your answer**.

_____ 1. Shakespeare wore one set of clothes other than his theatrical costumes.

_____ 2. Rich people lived in estates outside London.

_____ 3. Shakespeare consulted a psychiatrist about his writer's block.

_____ 4. The Master of the Revels closed theatres.

_____ 5. Queen Elizabeth had bad teeth.

_____ 6. Fathers chose their daughters' husbands.

_____ 7. Poor people had to stand in front of the stage at the playhouses.

_____ 8. Shakespeare's fingers were stained.

_____ 9. Ned Allyn chose the title *Romeo and Juliet*.

_____ 10. Christopher Marlowe gave Shakespeare the plot for *Romeo and Juliet*.

_____ 11. Women such as Viola pretended to be men in order to act on a stage.

_____ 12. Queen Elizabeth attended the public playhouses.

_____ 13. Men fought duels about points of honor.

_____ 14. Actors worked for a percentage of the profits of a play.

_____ 15. Actors had to be in excellent physical and mental shape.

Part II - Fill in the chart below with specific details comparing *Romeo and Juliet* with *Shakespeare in Love*.

Romeo and Juliet

Shakespeare in Love

1. Two groups of men fight
2. A young man is in love with a woman who doesn't love him.
3. There is mistaken/hidden identity.
4. A father arranges a marriage.
5. A young man crashes a party and meets the girl of his dreams
6. A young man threatens violence during the party.
7. Lovers first declare their feelings.
8. A "river" divides the lovers.
9. A friend is confided in and helps the lovers.
10. A friend is killed.
11. A death is reported falsely.
12. The lovers are parted forever.
13. A minor character serves as the "voice of reason."