

WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE INTERNET SCAVENGER HUNT

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Directions:

As an introduction to our unit on *Romeo and Juliet*, complete this scavenger hunt to learn more about William Shakespeare, his writings, and the era in which he lived. As you go to each site, skim the material or read as closely as necessary!

Hint: When writing down answers, highlight the information on your screen so your eyes can easily go back and forth between the computer screen and this paper.

Biographical Background

Go to <http://www.bardweb.net/man.html>.

1. What are the only 2 *primary* sources for information on Shakespeare?
 - a.
 - b.
2. Where and when (allegedly) was he born?
3. Whom did he marry, and how old were they when they married?
4. What were their 3 children's names? Which child died, and at what age?
5. Shakespeare helped establish The Globe Theatre. In what city was it located?

What happened to the Globe Theatre in 1613, and how did it happen?

6. When did Shakespeare (allegedly) die?
7. What is Shakespeare's legacy, **and** for how long has it endured?

Life in Elizabethan England

Go to <http://elizabethan.org/compendium/home.html>

8. Click on Services and Occupations and answer the following:
 - a. Who made and sold arrows?
 - b. What would you get from the apothecary?
 - c. Who would you go to if you needed dental work?
 - d. In your own household, your Nurse would do what?
9. Click on Masters & Servants:
 - a. A female servant was a maid; what was the generic term for the male equivalent?
 - b. In *Romeo & Juliet*, Benvolio refers to Romeo's male servant as “ ”
10. Click on The City of London. Read the three paragraphs describing London. Pick out three of your favorite **grotesque** details and write them here.
 - a.
 - b.

A plague o' both your houses! *Rom. III.i.96*

Go to <http://www.william-shakespeare.info>

11. Click on William Shakespeare Plays. Shakespeare's plays fell into one of three themes. Scroll down to find the themes. Write the name of each theme and the number of plays for that theme, as well as one play from the category.

Theme	# plays	Name of any play from that theme category

Under which theme is *Romeo and Juliet* listed?

Sickness in Elizabethan England

Go to <http://www.william-shakespeare.info/bubonic-black-plague-elizabethan-era.htm>.

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- a. The bubonic plague was also known as the:
- b. What was done to families and their houses if someone caught the virus?
- c. Since no one could leave the house if a family member was sick, how did they get food?
- d. What was the *main* way the disease spread?
- e. Scroll down to **Information about the Closure of the Elizabethan Globe Theater**.
What forced the Theatre to close three times, in 1593, 1603, and 1608?

Concordance of Shakespeare's Complete Works

Go to <http://www.opensourceshakespeare.com/concordance/>

13.

- a. On the line next to ***Find a word form*** type **hate** and hit **Search**. Click on hate (184). Scroll down and click on ***Romeo and Juliet (11)***. Scroll down to line 768 and copy the first two complete sentences here: (Starts w/*My* and ends with *late*.)
- b. What do YOU think these lines mean?
You won't find this on the Internet—unless you've published your personal interpretations of Shakespeare's plays somewhere. Don't worry about being wrong. Your interpretation is valid as long as you back up your interpretation with evidence from the text. Do the best you can!