

## History: William Shakespeare

William Shakespeare is widely regarded as the greatest writer in the history of the English language and has been enjoyed for centuries. Shakespeare lived around the late 16th century and early 17th century, and in between the reigns of Queen Elizabeth I and King James I. Some of the phrases that Shakespeare wrote have even become part of our everyday language!

Your History assignment is to find out all that you can about *The Bard* and the world in which he lived. Aside from the man himself and the works that he produced, we want you to learn about the country of England at that time and the monarchs who ruled it. Attached are some questions to help with your research and the structure of your project.

You can present your report as either a typed piece or a handwritten one. If handwritten, you must use your neatest handwriting, checking your spelling and grammar carefully for errors. Make sure you structure your report correctly, using paragraphs and a range of engaging sentence types to maintain your readers' interest. At the end of your report, include a list of websites, books and other resources that you have used, along with your research notes.

Below are some websites that you may use to find out as much as you can. Don't forget that your games consoles and mobile phones have web browsers that you can use to do this.

- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/primary>
- [www.kiddle.co](http://www.kiddle.co)
- [www.researchify.co.uk](http://www.researchify.co.uk)

Good luck and have fun finding out as much as you can!

<b>Part One: William Shakespeare</b>
Who Was William Shakespeare? When was he born? Where? What do we know about his parents?
What do we know about Shakespeare's early life?
What works did he produce? Give some details about four or five of his major plays.
Why is Shakespeare so important to us?
What words and phrases did he introduce to our language? Which plays are they from and what do they mean? (TIP: go on Youtube and search for "Horrible Histories William Shakespeare Song")
<b>Part Two: Queen Elizabeth I</b>
Who was she? When was she born? When did she reign?
What important events happened during her reign? How did England change during this period?
<b>Part Three: King James I</b>
Who was he? When was he born? When did he reign?
What important events happened during his reign? How did England change during this period?
<b>Part Four: Theatre in Shakespeare's time</b>
What were theatres like?
Who performed the plays?
How were the audience involved in performances?
William Shakespeare was involved in the construction of the Globe theatre. How, where, when, and why was it built?