English 1

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Shakespeare Webquest

Use this WebQuest as a way to gain precious background knowledge before tackling one of Shakespeare's most famous tragedies, *Romeo & Juliet*. Please write your answers on a separate sheet of paper. You can find this Webquest on the class website. You can use the hyperlinks to each website through the document on the class website.

Follow the directions carefully, visit the chosen websites, read and gather information.

All About Shakespeare:

[Short Bio](http://absoluteshakespeare.com/trivia/biography/shakespeare_biography.htm)  |

<http://absoluteshakespeare.com/trivia/biography/shakespeare_biography.htm>

FAQ

<http://absoluteshakespeare.com/trivia/faq/faq.htm>

Read about William Shakespeare. Write a paragraph (about 150-200 words) about the Bard that includes the answers to the following questions. It might be easiest to collect the answers and then organize your paragraph after having them. Include a title or heading for this paragraph.

1. What day do we consider to be Shakespeare's day of birth and how do we know it?
2. Who did Shakespeare marry, and how many children did he have?
3. What tragic family event occurred around the same time as his writing of Romeo & Juliet?
4. What two plays are considered Shakespeare's greatest or most famous?
5. How large is the average person's vocabulary, and how does Shakespeare's compare?

The Elizabethan Theater

Answer the following questions in numbered form and complete sentences in your word document.

[Globe Theater](http://www.globe-theatre.org.uk/globe-theatre-built.htm)

<http://www.bardstage.org/globe-theatre-built.htm>

1. When was the original Globe Theater built?

2. Where was the original Globe Theater located?

3. From what was the Globe Theater built?

[Owners of the Globe Theater](http://www.globe-theatre.org.uk/globe-theatre-owners.htm)

<http://www.bardstage.org/globe-theatre-owners.htm>

4. How many owners of the original Globe Theater were there? List their names.

The Plays & Sonnets of Shakespeare

Answer the following questions in numbered form and complete sentences in your word document.

[Shakespeare's works](http://www-tech.mit.edu/Shakespeare/works.html)

<https://www.quora.com/What-were-Shakespeares-types-of-plays>

1. What three categories of plays did Shakespeare write?

2. List the title of one play from each category.

All About Elizabethan Love & Marriage:

[Betrothal and Wedding](http://elizabethan.org/compendium/9.html)

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

|  [More Wedding Customs](http://elizabethan.org/compendium/62.html)

<http://elizabethan.org/compendium/62.html>

|  [Love and Marriage](http://elizabethan.org/compendium/10.html)

<http://elizabethan.org/compendium/10.html>

1. At what age may a boy and girl marry, and at what age is marriage for non-noble families common?
2. When a marriage is arranged for a younger couple, what is the usual reason?
3. When is it considered “luckiest” to have the marriage?
4. How is a wedding engagement announced, and what is thought of an unannounced wedding?
5. Marrying for love is generally considered what?
6. Why are most noble marriages arranged, and even some common people marriages?

The Elizabethan Household:

[Services & Occupations](http://elizabethan.org/compendium/3.html)

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Look at the list of services and occupations common in Elizabethan society. Answer the following questions in numbered form and complete sentences in your word document.

1. From whom do you purchase necessary drugs?

2. From whom do you purchase cloth for making clothing?

3. In your own household, what is the title of the person who nurses your baby?