

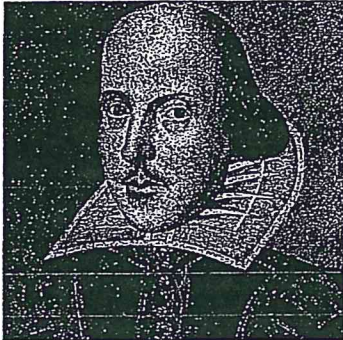
KEY

Shakespeare Jigsaw

Name: Key  
Date: April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2007

Your mission is to discover Shakespeare and "A Midsummer Night's Dream" by learning from your peers. Answer the following questions and fill in the blanks based on in-class readings. Then share with your classmates as directed by your teacher.

Shakespeare's Life:



- 1. Shakespeare lived in London (City) for most of his life.
- 2. Although he was an actor, he is best known as a playwright.
- 3. The name of Shakespeare's theatre company after 1603: King's Men
- 4. Why did Shakespeare use well-known comedies and legends instead of inventing new material in his plays? audience familiarity  
Easter

- 5. What is the main reason why people do not believe that Shakespeare wrote the plays attributed to him? He had a grade school education  
Only one person, travelled little, yet talked about many  
places (never left England)

Elizabethan England:

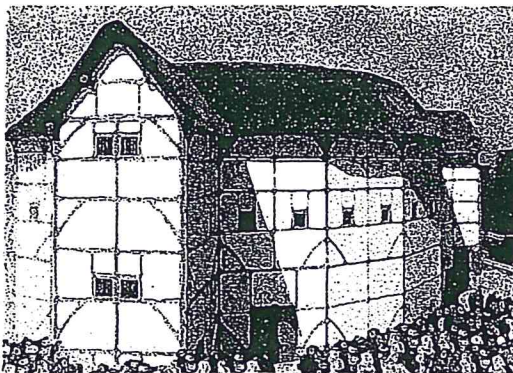
1558-1603

- 1. Number of years Queen Elizabeth 1 reigned 45.
- 2. Why did Queen Elizabeth's reign contain less instability than that of King Henry the VIII or Bloody Mary? secret police that  
stopped any overthrew, didn't fight  
Catholics, reigned for many years



- 3. Describe London in Shakespeare's time: (Population, Crime, Sanitation...)

- A. 150000, major economic, culture center
- B. smaller than Prince George, busy exciting
- C. Dirty / Dangerous, no police
- D. waste in streets, garbage, sewage



Shakespearian Theatre:

- 1. James I sponsored Shakespeare's company so often that they became known as: King's Men

- 2. Why was being an actor a hard job (according to the article)?
  - A. social stigma
  - B. audiences brutal

- 3. Why did The Globe Theatre have no roof? for lighting

- 4. The trap door was a part of the stage used as a grave, a dungeon or a place from which spirits could rise.

## Comedy:



1. In "A Midsummer Night's Dream" a troupe of actors performs "The Lamentable Comedy and Most Cruel Death of Pyramus and Thisby." This is an example of a Play - within a play.

2. List two reasons why "The Most Lamentable....." is funny:

A. ~~because~~ male actors play female roles in a romance

B. man plays a lion

think sad/tragic but laughable melodramatic were

3. How does the language (Poetry or Prose) in which a character speaks reflect their place in the social hierarchy? Dukes/Duchess speak in poetry, mechanicals/lower = prose

## Shakespeare's audiences

1. What is the main difference between today's audiences and those in the Elizabethan Era?

audience participation -> bad, threw things, violent

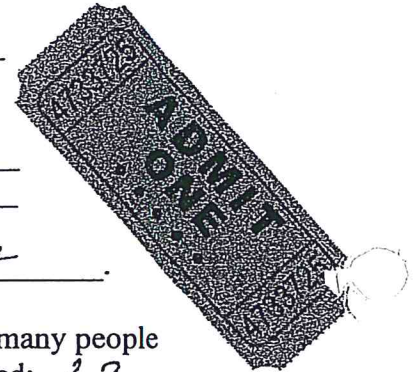
2. Provide two examples of audience participation in theatrical performances

A. beat up people

B. throw food

3. One actor in Hamlet did not memorize his lines, so he hid them in his hat.

4. Theatres could be dangerous places. How many people were injured and how many people were killed in 1849 during a riot at a Shakespeare play? Injured: 36. Killed: 22.



## Fairies



1. Fairies were mainly known for being bad (Adjective). For example, they were blamed for: fairytales, curdled milk, anything mischievous

2. Name two ways to protect yourself against fairies:

A. wear clothes inside out, bells

B. running water, St. John's wort  
4 leaf clovers, bread

3. Name two ways to get fairies onto your side:

A. give them a gift, clothes

B. compliment/compliment, baked goods

4. Fairies were a part of Elizabethan society. Explain seemingly unnatural events could be blamed on them, everyday occurrences

# SHAKESPEARE JIGSAW COMPLETE