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**William Shakespeare Fact Find**

**Life and times:**

1. Where was Shakespeare born? **April 23rd 1564**
2. What date did he die? **April 23rd 1616**
3. What was the name for primary school in Shakespeare’s time? **Petty school**
4. How many brothers and sisters did Shakespeare have? **5**
5. What were the names of his two sisters? **Anne and Joan**
6. How old was he when he died? **52**
7. What was the name of the house he retired to in Stratford upon Avon? **New Place**
8. What were the names of his 3 children? **Susannah, Judith and Hamnet**
9. Name 3 subjects he studied at school. **Grammar, logic, rhetoric, arithmetic, geometry, music and astronomy.**
10. What was his mother’s maiden name? **Arden**

**Elizabethan England:**

1. What was the population of Stratford –Upon-Avon in Shakespeare’s time? **2500**
2. Name 3 types of shops or stalls you would have found in an Elizabethan Town? **shoemakers, wheelwrights, blacksmiths, bakers and fruit and vegetable sellers**
3. What is Rother the old English word for? **cattle**
4. What were buildings made out of in towns in Elizabethan England? **Timber and thatch**
5. What was the name for the place where Elizabethan people threw away their toilet waste? **Muckheaps**
6. Which offences in Elizabethan England were dealt with by the Church Courts? **Failing to attend church, drunkenness or sorcery.**
7. What are Cheat and Manchet? **Types of bread.**
8. What is sack? **Dry Spanish wine**
9. Describe Sack Posset. **Cream desert with Madeira wine.**
10. Apart from bread, what could you have for breakfast in Elizabethan England? **Porridge and oatmeal**

**Elizabethan Theatre**

1. What were the cruel animal sports that the Elizabethans like to watch called? **Bull and bear baiting**
2. What were the other kinds of street theatre could you see in Elizabethan times? **acrobats, jugglers and musicians**
3. How many people could the Globe Theatre hold? **2500 people**
4. What was Shakespeare’s theatre company originally called? **The Lord Chamberlain’s Men’.**
5. When King James I was on the throne, what was Shakespeare’s theatre company called? **The King’s Men**
6. What did Elizabethans actors use to recreate the effect of someone being stabbed? **bladders full of pigs blood**
7. What did audiences do if they did not like a play? **boos and hisses and throw rotten fruit, vegetables and eggs at the actors**
8. What were the people called who stood in the area at the front of the stage? **Groundlings**
9. How much did a ticket cost for a groundling? **1p**
10. How was the sound of thunder recreated? **Rolling a cannon ball across the floor at the back of the stage or above the stage.**

**Shakespeare’s Works**

1. How many plays did Shakespeare write? **37**
2. What is his longest play? **Hamlet**
3. What are the names of the feuding families in Romeo and Juliet? **Capulets and Montagues**
4. Who does Miranda want o marry in The Tempest? **Ferdinand**
5. What is the name of the Merchant of Venice? **Antonio**
6. How do Romeo and Juliet die? **Romeo drunk poison and Juliet stabbed herself.**
7. What types of poems did Shakespeare write? **Sonnets**
8. What is the name of the money lender in the Merchant of Venice? **Shylock**
9. What does he want in return for lending money to Antonio? **A pound of flesh**
10. What play is the famous Seven Ages of Man speech from? **As You Like It**