

Elizabethan Web Quest

Introduction:

To fully appreciate Shakespeare's works, it is important to learn about his life and the time period in which his works were written. This assignment requires students to investigate life during the Elizabethan England (16th Century). The investigation will enable you to understand the people, the places and the events during the Shakespearean era and, in effect, provide you with a deeper appreciation of the Shakespearean play, *Macbeth*. This assignment will also help you understand how society influences literature. As you navigate through the websites provided below, the questions included under each heading will only serve as guides.

Task:

Each student will choose a topic and will do a presentation to teach the rest of the class about the topic researched. Be creative in your presentation format (Role play, PowerPoint, Hand out)

General Information on Elizabethan Period:

- Type Elizabethan Age in the search box .
- Elizabethan Era. <http://www.elizabethan-era.org.uk/>
- <http://warrensburg.k12.mo.us/webquest/shakespeare/>

Topic #1: Queen Elizabethan I:

Question : When did Queen Elizabeth I come into power? How long was she in power? Who was her father? Who succeeded her? What was her reign like?

- Shakespeare Resource Centre. <http://www.bardweb.net/england.html>
- British History. http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/historicfigures/elizabethi_queen.shtml
- Elizabeth I, queen of England. <http://www.bartleby.com/65/el/Elizbet1Eng.html>
- Elizabeth I and the Elizabethan Period: a Brief Introduction.
- <http://www.springfield.k12.il.us/schools/springfield/eliz/introelizperiod.html>

Political Climate:

Question: What was the Spanish Armada? How many ships were involved? What year did the battle take place? Why did the catholic church support this mission? What was the class system at the time?

- The Spanish Armada . <http://www.britainexpress.com/History/tudor/armada.htm>
- BBC History . <http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/british/tudors/adamsarmada01.shtml>
- Catholic Encyclopedia: The Spanish Armada.
<http://www.newadvent.org/cathen/01727c.htm>

Topic #2: Religion:

Question: Describe the religious climate during this time. What was the main religion at the time? What were some of the changes (reformation) that took place in religion at the time?

- Internet Shakespeare Edition. <http://ise.uvic.ca/Library/SLT/ideas/religionsubj.html>

- Queen Elizabeth and the Reformation. <http://history.boisestate.edu/westciv/reformat/englnd09.htm>

- Religion & Spirituality. <http://www.erasofelegance.com/history/elizabethanreligion.html>

Topic #3: Physical Existence

Question: Describe the daily life of a peasant? A noble? What were the sanitation/health conditions? What was the Bubonic Plague?

- Elizabethan Life. http://www.britainexpress.com/History/Elizabethan_life.htm
- Elizabethan Medicine and Illnesses. <http://www.elizabethan-era.org.uk/elizabethanmedicine-and-illnesses.htm>

Topic #4: Entertainment:

Question: What were the forms of entertainment during this era?

- Life in the Elizabethan England. <http://renaissance.duelingmodems.com/compendium/>

Crimes and Punishment:

Question: What were the worst crimes? Punishments?

- Crime/Punishment. <http://www.eyewitnesstohistory.com/punishment.htm>

Topic #5: Elizabethan Theatre:

- The Globe Theatre. <http://www.springfield.k12.il.us/schools/Springfield/eliz/Globe.html>
- Costumes/Sets in Shakespearean Theatre. <http://www.springfield.k12.il.us/schools/Springfield/eliz/costumes.html>

Topic #6: Status of Women/Gender Roles:

Question: What was the status/role of women within this era? Married? Single? What jobs did women mostly do at the time?

- Elizabethan women. <http://www.elizabethi.org/us/women/>
- The role of women. <http://www.william-shakespeare.info/elizabethan-women.htm>

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Your presentation is worth 15 points.

10 points for oral (see rubric)

5 points for supporting materials i.e. PowerPoint, handouts, flip charts or posters **all materials must be emailed by Wednesday 11/16 by 7am. Late is not acceptable**