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# Romeo and Juliet

## By William Shakespeare

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**Welcome to your introduction to Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet!**

In this Web quest, you will gather background knowledge on Elizabethan England, Shakespeare, and his play, Romeo and Juliet.

The tale of these two "star-crossed lovers" is one that is still relevant to us today. Before we read the play, it is important to develop a solid foundation on all things Shakespeare. Learn and enlighten yourself!

\*Be sure that the information that you write is accurate. You will be quizzed on it!

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**YOUR TASK:      Complete the webquest.**

- Answer all of the questions using the links provided for each section.
- Be sure to answer **all** parts of the question.

## **PART I. William Shakespeare**

Go to this site. Please copy and paste and open in a new browser

<http://www.biography.com/people/william-shakespeare-9480323>

**Watch the video and read the information below it to answer questions 1- 4**

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"For never was a story of more woe

Than this of Juliet and her Romeo."

- William Shakespeare, *Romeo and Juliet*, 5.3

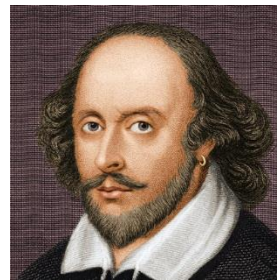
**1. What do you think this quote means?**

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**2. When and where was William Shakespeare born?**



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**3. Where is it believed that Shakespeare was educated?**



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4. Who was Shakespeare married to and what were the names of his children?

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Click on page **two** of the same website.

Read the information and answer questions 5-7.

5. How many plays and how many sonnets did Shakespeare write?

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6. What was the name of Shakespeare's theater in London and when was it built?



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7. What was the original name of Shakespeare's theater group and what was the name changed to when King James I became a patron? \_\_\_\_\_

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Click on page **three** of the same website.

Read "Early Works and Later Works" and answer question 8.

8. What were the four types of plays that Shakespeare wrote?  
Give an example for each one!

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PART II

# Elizabethan England

Go to the website below to answer questions on Elizabethan England:

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

Read the information and answer questions 9-10

9. What does the word "betrothal" mean?

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10. Name three marriage and betrothal customs.

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On the same website, click "More Wedding Customs."

Read the information under "more wedding customs and the contract, dowry" to answer questions 11-12.

11. What color should the bride's dress be?

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12. What is a dowry?

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PART III

Go to the website below to answer questions on **Actors, Action & the Audience**:  
<http://www.uni-koeln.de/phil-fak/englisch/shakespeare/70.html>

Read the top three lines and then skip down to the last paragraph to answer questions 13-15.

13. How many women actors did they have in each play?

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14. How many actors were in each play?

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15. What would the audience do if they did not like the performance?

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