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WEBQUEST Challenge

WEBQUEST INSTRUCTIONS

Read these instructions carefully:

- You have 15 minutes in your pairs to find out as much information as you can on William Shakespeare.
- Read each page carefully and follow the links to the websites to find out more information.
- There are several tasks to complete throughout your quest that you must complete on your worksheet. How far can you get in the time?

Your 15 minutes starts now...Good luck!

Task One

Who is William Shakespeare?

Follow this link and type in William Shakespeare's name. What does he look like? Sketch his face quickly onto your worksheet.
Remember the timer is ticking!

Now you know what Shakespeare looked like let's find out some key facts about him.

Follow this link and skim and scan the webpage for the following information, fill it in on your worksheet:
1. Birthdate
2. Deathdate
3. Children?
4. Married?
5. Parent's names?
6. Any siblings?

Task TWO

The Globe Theatre

The Globe Theatre was a 20-sided open-air playhouse designed in 1599, where Shakespeare worked and where many of his greatest plays were first performed.

The first Globe was destroyed by fire in 1613, but by 1614 it had been rebuilt and reopened. After closing again in 1642, it was soon demolished.

Take a tour of the Globe Theatre here!

Remember Time is Ticking...

London Life

It was noisy, crowded, bawdy, bustling and busy. Trades of every kind and description! Churches, inns, houses, workshops, stalls, stables and theatres! Animals - cats, dogs, pigs, horses and sheep!

Shakespeare's London was dirty, smelly and rat-infested. Disease was rife. People threw their rubbish and sewage into the streets. The smell was disgusting, worse than you can imagine and it was a messy and dangerous place to live.

TASK THREE

William Shakespeare – The Playwright

William Shakespeare was a playwright (somebody who wrote plays for a job), he wrote many famous plays which are still performed today.

Follow this link to find three plays Shakespeare wrote and fill it in on your worksheet.

Did you notice the three categories the plays were split into? What were they?
Fill this in on your worksheet.

TASK FOUR

The Language of Shakespeare's Day

Shakespeare wrote in Old English. Shakespeare wrote the way he did for poetic and dramatic purposes and people did not speak like this.

Shakespeare used all sorts of words that you wouldn't hear today, click on the link below and look at the '***weird words***' section, have a play and then write down two examples of weird words and what they mean.

WEIRD WORDS

Shakespeare used lots of insults in his plays, have a quick go on this insult generator to see what insults you can come up with. Write one down on your worksheet.

Shakespearian insults

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TASK FIVE

Strange Shakespeare Facts and Rumours

There are many mysteries that surround the life of William Shakespeare - some are based on facts and some are based on fiction!

Some are interesting facts, some are strange facts and some are down right weird facts!
Click on the link below to research facts and rumours about Shakespeare, write down your favourite fact and your favourite rumour on your worksheet.

FACTS AND RUMOURS

Congratulations!

You have successfully completed your webquest on

William Shakespeare

Please log off your computer straight away and hand in your worksheet