

SHAKESPEARE AND HIS TIMES

Mini Poster Research Project

In preparation for our next unit, Shakespeare's comedy, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, we will be researching the life and times of William Shakespeare. Over the next three periods we will be in the library exploring various topics connected to Shakespeare and his work.

Select one topic that you would be interested in learning more about from the list below. I will try to give everyone their first choice if possible. No more than three students may research the same topic.

- Shakespeare's life
- The Globe Theatre
- Actors and Stagecraft
- Queen Elizabeth I
- Religion
- Family Life
- Superstitions
- Science
- Medicine
- Weaponry
- Fashion
- Life in London

Select **two key points** and write a paragraph for each point that explains **in your own words** why your topic is important in understanding either Shakespeare and his plays, or Shakespeare and his audiences. Be sure to include a brief introduction and conclusion for your topic.

When conducting research, you must take notes, and record the source of your information. Note taking sheets will be provided. Additionally, you must create a Works Cited section at the bottom of your poster, and submit a separate Works Cited page for marking.

You will be provided with a 11 x 14 piece of paper for your poster. We will discuss how best to arrange the information on the page closer to the due date.

Your finished poster will include:

- A title
- An introduction, two paragraphs and a conclusion explaining your topic, written in your own words and using standard English. This portion of the poster must be typed or neatly hand-written in ink.
- An image or graphic connected to your project (for example, a drawing of the Globe theatre, a simple map of London, or an illustration of an Elizabethan piece of clothing)
- Two to three citations letting us know the sources of your information, located at the bottom of your poster.

This project will be worth 24 marks for term three. You will be provided with a marking rubric and tips for your poster layout next class.