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William Shakespeare

* Lived 1564 – 1616
* A famous playwright and poet
* Married Anne Hathaway when she was 26 and he 18
* Wrote 37 plays and 156 poems

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* Shakespeare wrote during the time of Queen Elizabeth in 16th Century England
* Shakespeare is most famous for his plays and poetry
* Shakespeare writes in Modern English (although it does not sound or look like the way we speak today)
* Shakespeare’s most famous play house was The Globe Theatre
	+ Only men were actors
	+ The color of the flag on the play house determined what genre of play was on (ex. Red for history, blue for comedy)
	+ There were 3 tiers of The Globe
		- The wealthiest sat on the 3rd (or top) tier while the poor could only afford the 1st tier (ground level). This is because it was unsanitary to be around so many people.
		- The Globe was made entirely of wood and nails
* Life in Shakespeare’s Time
	+ Bathing:
		- most people bathed only once a year
		- If you wanted to smell clean, you had to carry flowers in your pocket and use perfumes
	+ Sanitation
		- Garbage (including toilet waste) would be thrown from windows into the streets. Only when it rained would the materials be washed away into the river.
	+ Disease
		- In the 1500s people believed that disease was caused by bad smells. They did not know that disease (the Bubonic plague in particular) was carried by rats and flees
	+ Schooling
		- When learning the alphabet, children had to carry a leather-covered piece of wood with all of the letters and numbers spelled out on it about their neck.
		- Most girls stayed home to learn housekeeping skills. Only the wealthy would receive tutoring from a nanny in various languages.
		- Boys would go to grammar school from the age of 7 to around 15. They studied Latin and math, and sometimes Greek.
	+ Entertainment:
		- Plays were not the only pastime that people enjoyed. Audiences also flocked to bloody spectacles such as public hangings, bear and bull baitings, and cock fights.
	+ Music and Dancing:
		- People sang a lot and many also learned to play a musical instrument such as the lute.
		- Dancing was also quite popular. Members of the Queen’s court learned fancy dance steps while the poor would dance the jig.