

April 18th –22nd

We were supposed to start Shakespeare in Early April, unfortunately that didn't get to happen but I still feel you guys should have a grasp of the Shakespearean age.

Assignment #1

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 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 England. 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.

Topic #1: Queen Elizabeth 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/Elizabeth1Eng.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>.

******* Helpful Video*******

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OBaGCQI1E70>

-Don't forget keep reading and being active! Also what novels have you read so far I need some ideas and I am running low on reading material!!