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MAGIC TREE HOUSE

Showtime with Shakespeare

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THE PARAMOUNT THEATRE

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Mary Pope Osborne is an American author of children’s books. She is best known as the author of the *Magic Tree House* series, which includes over 50 titles and has sold more than 134 million copies worldwide. In every book in the series, the Magic Tree House whisks siblings, Jack and Annie, on new adventures in different time periods and different places all over the world!

The show you experienced today, is adapted from *Magic Tree House #25: Stage Fright on a Summer Night*.

The show you saw today was created by NJPAC (New Jersey Performing Arts Center) from Newark, New Jersey. Learn more about them at njpac.org.

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

*Talk with your class or family after the show:*

How do Annie and Jack feel when they first arrive in London in the 1600s?

How would you feel if you were suddenly transported to Shakespeare’s time?

You saw a portrayal of William Shakespeare on stage today. Did the actor portray Shakespeare the way you envisioned him? How was he similar? How was he different?

Why do you think there was a law that prevented women from performing on stage during Shakespeare’s time? Do you think this was a just law?

What do you want to know about Shakespeare that you haven’t learned today? Where can you find the answers to your questions?
SHAKESPEARE'S WORDS

"Heart of gold" (Henry V)

"Break the ice" (The Taming of the Shrew)

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SHAKESPEARE'S DRESS

In Shakespeare's day, the men wore more popular clothing. Take a look at the diagram above and see if you can name the items of clothing in both the men's and women's costumes. Now design dramatic costumes for stage actors in popular clothing of today! Later: let each clothing piece

RHYMING VERSE

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Words that rhyme with regret:

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Words that rhyme with beat:

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SHAKESPEARE'S FUN FACTS

Test out your Shakespeare trivia knowledge! Circle one answer for each question, then check the answers on the next page.

1. How many plays did Shakespeare write?
   a) at least 18  b) at least 20  c) at least 26

2. How many film and TV versions of Shakespeare's plays have ever been produced?
   a) 210  b) 310  c) 410 - making Shakespeare the most filmed author ever in any language.

3. What was the Globe Theatre?
   a) a replica of the Globe Theatre - the first one burned down in 1613 when a special effects cannon set fire to the roof, and the second one was built a few years later.
   b) a word from your brainstorm!

4. What was the Library of London?
   a) a word from your brainstorm!

5. Which Shakespearean play contains a character named Prince Hal?
   a) Henry V
   b) Henry IV, Part One
   c) Henry IV, Part Two

6. King James ascends the throne after Shakespeare's death. He
   a) orders all 38 of the Sonnets burned
   b) recites the Sonnets at court performances
   c) none of the above

7. Shakespeare's father, Thomas, is said to have
   a) died from an unknown cause
   b) worked as a bookseller
   c) none of the above

8. The Globe Theatre catches fire during a performance of
   a) Henry VIII
   b) Macbeth
   c) Hamlet

9. William Shakespeare is buried in Holy Trinity Church in Stratford. His tombstone is
   a) a plain stone with no inscriptions
   b) a stone with a short epitaph
   c) a stone with a long epitaph

10. What is the First Folio?
    a) a printed book containing a collection of Shakespeare's plays
    b) a set of Shakespeare's plays performed on stage
    c) a collection of Shakespeare's plays performed in private circles

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

Below are some of Shakespeare's most famous phrases that we still use today. Write what they mean in your own words.

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