

# Shakespeare Trivia

Student Instructions

Activity 1.1 / Shakespeare Learning Commons

## 1. Introduction

Shakespeare was a product of the Elizabethan period's social and political climate. His plays were often adapted from previously existing works and had very different meanings to audiences of the period. He was also an innovator of language, theatre, and cultural production. *The Shakespeare Trivia Anthology* explores the culture that produced Shakespeare's unique mind and works.

## Shakespeare's London circa. 1600

2. Carefully read *The Shakespeare Trivia Anthology*.

## 3. Blank Slate

Take a few minutes to brainstorm possible categories or classifications for the facts from *The Shakespeare Trivia Anthology*

Example: Religion, family...

4. In groups assigned by your teacher, decide which five (5) categories you will use to create a round of Shakespeare Jeopardy. Choose the ones you think will best describe William Shakespeare.

Each group member is responsible for one category and must create three (3) Questions and Answers for their topic in the proper Jeopardy format.

6. After you have completed your 5 x 3 Shakespeare Jeopardy Round, each group will take a turn presenting their round to the class. You are responsible for reading the answers for the category you created. One team member will keep score each round.

## 5. Jeopardy Question/Answer Format

### Example:

During Shakespeare's time Catholics were forbidden by law from practicing their faith. Priests were hunted down and executed. Catholic families frequently fled London in the middle of the night on rumours about forthcoming Protestant attacks.

a. Category: **RELIGION**  
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b. Answer:  
During Shakespeare's time, Catholics were forbidden from practicing this.

c. Question:  
What is \_\_\_\_\_?

