

Matching: Match each statement with the correct answer.

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| ___ 1. The first known theatre company with which Shakespeare worked. | A. Ben Jonson |
| ___ 2. This theatre burned down as the result of a performance of <i>Henry VIII</i> . | B. The Tempest |
| ___ 3. One of the men that published Shakespeare's plays after his death. | C. The First Folio |
| ___ 4. This play was written by Shakespeare near the end of his career. | D. The Theatre |
| ___ 5. The name of Shakespeare's theatre company after they received royal patronage. | E. Henry Condell |
| ___ 6. The name of the playhouse where Shakespeare's early productions were mostly mounted. | F. Lord Chamberlain's Men |
| ___ 7. Unlike Shakespeare, this playwright published his own plays while he was alive. | G. A Midsummer Night's Dream |
| ___ 8. This play was written by Shakespeare near the beginning of his career. | H. The Globe |
| ___ 9. The indoor theatre where Shakespeare's company performed many of their plays in the winter season. | I. The King's Men |
| ___ 10. The name of the first published collection of Shakespeare's plays. | J. Blackfriars |

True/False: Mark each statement true or false.

- ___ 11. William Shakespeare was born in London, England.
- ___ 12. William's parents were Judith and John Shakespeare.
- ___ 13. Shakespeare's mother came from a respected family and was a member of the landed gentry.
- ___ 14. Shakespeare's father made a living as a "whittawer", or leather worker, and glove maker.
- ___ 15. The Georgian calendar was in use in England when William Shakespeare was born.
- ___ 16. A "brogger" is another term for a loan-shark.
- ___ 17. Shakespeare's parents were devout Protestants.
- ___ 18. John Shakespeare used a mark as a signature.
- ___ 19. Some of Shakespeare's earliest works include the "romances" such as *Pericles*.
- ___ 20. Shakespeare didn't publish his plays in his lifetime.

Multiple Choice: Choose the best answer(s) for each question. Circle all that apply.

21. Where was William Shakespeare born?
A. London, England
B. Edinburgh, Scotland
C. Stratford-upon-Avon, England
D. Cambridge, England
22. What are the dates of Shakespeare's birth and death?
A. Apr. 26, 1564; Apr. 26, 1616
B. Apr. 23, 1546; Apr. 26, 1616
C. Apr. 23, 1546; Apr. 23, 1616
D. Apr. 23, 1564, Apr. 23, 1616
23. What sort of education do historians assume Shakespeare received?
A. He attended a free school where he got a basic education.
B. He attended a university where he studied to be a writer.
C. He trained as an apprentice to his father.
D. He never attended school and instead, taught himself how to read and write.
24. What do many scholars believe Shakespeare did during the "lost years" of his biography?
A. He divorced his wife.
B. He was a teacher.
C. He worked as a traveling actor.
D. He wrote most of his plays.
25. How did Shakespeare's genres of writing develop from his early to late career?
A. Tragedy > Comedy/History > Romance
B. Tragedy > Romance > Comedy/History
C. Comedy/History > Tragedy > Romance
D. Romance > Comedy/History > Tragedy
26. What happened to the Globe Theatre?
A. It burned down during a performance of *Henry VIII*.
B. It was sold in 1609 to the Lord Admiral's Men.
C. The theatre was completely rebuilt when Shakespeare's company received royal patronage.
D. It was closed during the winter once Shakespeare's company gained access to Blackfriars.
27. How many signatures of Shakespeare's survive today?
A. Hundreds.
B. Three
C. None
D. Six
28. Who were Henry Condell and John Heminges?
A. Rival playwrights of Shakespeare.
B. Friends of Shakespeare who published his plays after his death.
C. Shakespeare's cousins, who were kept out of his will.
D. Members of Shakespeare's theatre company.
29. How did Shakespeare make most of his money?
A. Acting in his plays.
B. Selling the rights to his plays to other theatre companies.
C. Foreign investors.
D. From his stake as a shareholder in his theatre company.
30. What was unusual about Shakespeare's marriage to Anne Hathaway?
A. His wife was several years older than he.
B. She had been married previously.
C. They already had one child before their marriage.
D. She was at least 3 months pregnant at the time of the wedding.

Short Answer:

Use a separate sheet of paper to answer the following questions fully. Cite specific evidence to support your claim.

31. Why do some historians believe Shakespeare's parents were illiterate?

32. Explain how the different jobs held by John Shakespeare might represent a conflict of interest.

33. Describe two possible reasons for the decline of John Shakespeare.

34. What evidence do historians have to support the date of William Shakespeare's birth?

35. Why did William Shakespeare's family experience both triumph and tragedy in 1596?

36. Describe two significant developments which greatly aided Shakespeare's theatre company.

37. List two major events in the history of the original Globe theatre and explain their significance.

38. Shakespeare's exploration of more complex themes led to what new genre of play?

39. Why did Shakespeare revise his will just a few months before his death?

40. Explain the historical significance of the First Folio.
