



MAGIC TREE HOUSE

**Showtime with
Shakespeare**

**A NEW HIP HOP MUSICAL
FEATURING JACK & ANNIE**

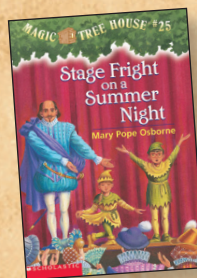
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THE MAGIC TREE HOUSE BOOKS

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***.



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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:

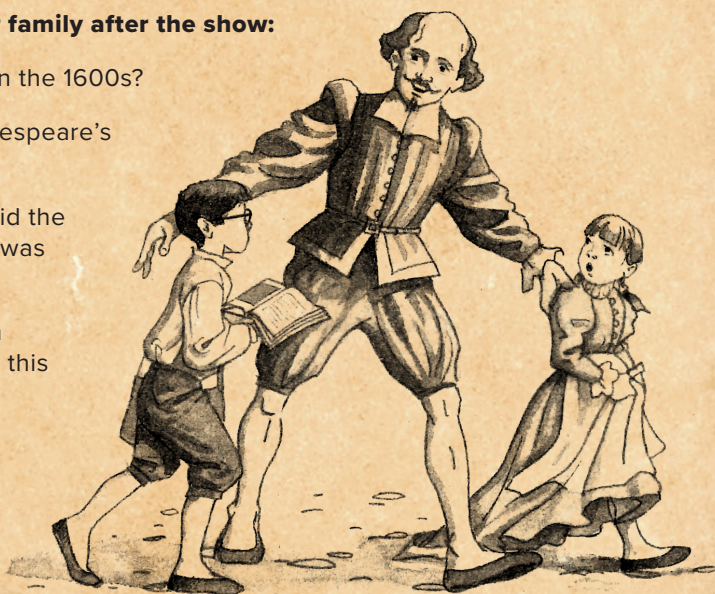
How do Annie and Jack feel when they first arrive in London in the 1600s?

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

William Shakespeare was a **wordsmith**, meaning he was a skilled user of words. He invented words and phrases that we still use to this day! Look at the list below, write the definitions in your own words, and then find them in the word search.

- BIRTHPLACE: where something started
- BLUSHING: _____
- DOWNSTAIRS: _____
- EXCITEMENT: _____
- EYEBALL: _____
- GOOD RIDDANCE: _____
- HOWLED: _____
- LONELY: _____
- MOONBEAM: _____
- SHOOTING STAR: _____
- UPSTAIRS: _____

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WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

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



"Heart of gold" (Henry V)



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



"Love is blind" (The Merchant of Venice)

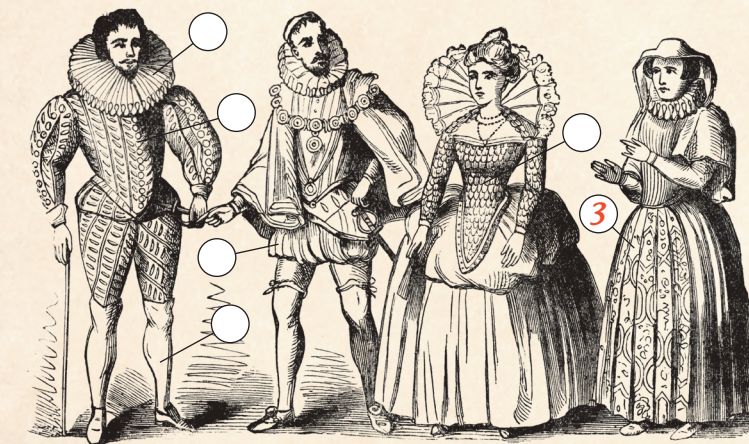


"Wild goose chase" (Romeo and Juliet)

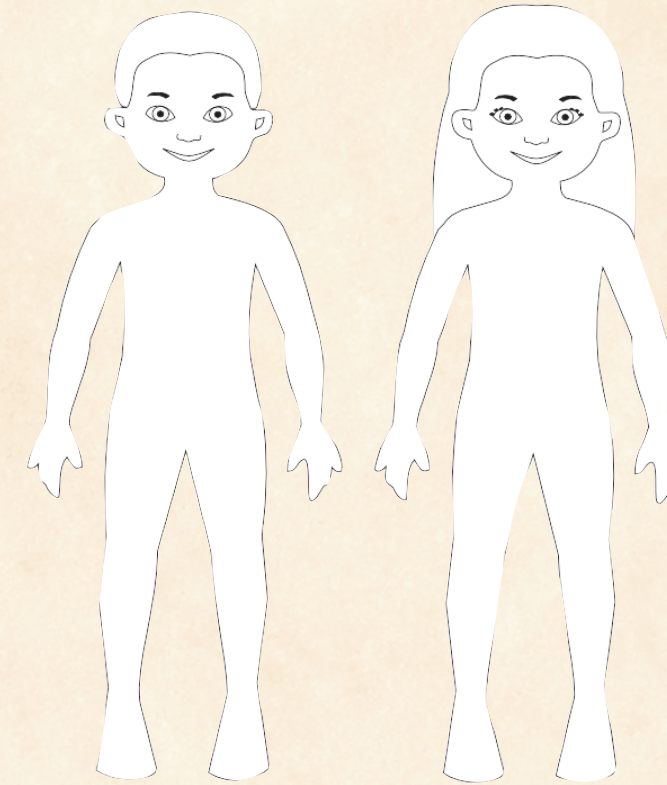
SHAKESPEARE'S DRESS

In Shakespeare's day, the actors would wear popular clothing. Take a look at the diagrammed image and fill in the missing numbers after reading the descriptions below.

1. **RUFF:** small fabric ruffle worn around the neck which protected the doublet or gown from getting dirty.
2. **BODICE:** stiff top half of a gown that made you stand tall and straight.
3. **SKIRT:** long and full lower half of a gown.
4. **DOUBLET:** fitted jacket.
5. **BREECHES:** short baggy pants.
6. **HOSE:** stockings, similar to modern-day tights.



Now design dramatic costumes for stage actors in popular clothing of today! Label each clothing piece.



RHYMING VERSE

Rhymes are used across genres in poetry and songs. Rappers use them in their lyrics, while Shakespeare used them in his lines. Now it's your turn to make some rhymes. In column one, brainstorm words that rhyme. In column two, finish the poem using a word from your brainstorm!



RHYMING WORDS	FINISH THE POEM
<p>Words that rhyme with show:</p> <p><i>go foe below know</i> <i>slow blow doe tip-toe</i></p>	<p>Magic Tree House will come to life. Our class will go to see a show. Before we take this special trip, There are some things... <i>that we should know.</i></p>
<p>Words that rhyme with beat:</p>	<p>Poems are nice, but music is better. When I hear words put to a beat. The rhythmic sounds and catchy lines Make it hard to...</p>
<p>Words that rhyme with regret:</p>	<p>Shakespeare wrote many plays, showing us love, war and regret. He created classic characters, like...</p>
<p>Words that rhyme with stage:</p>	<p>Some new actors may have a fright, When first they step onto the stage. So before I put myself in the light, I'll practice my lines...</p>
<p>Words that rhyme with know it:</p>	<p>Now I can rhyme and finish a poem Like Shakespeare, Drake and others, you know it. Let the words flow freely from my mouth. I am on my way to being...</p>

SHAKESPEARE 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 28 C) at least 38
2. How many film and TV versions of Shakespeare's plays have ever been produced? A) 210 B) 310 C) 410
3. How did the Globe Theatre announce Shakespeare's plays? A) in the newspaper B) hanging out flags C) telephone calls
4. What was built in London in 1997? A) Shakespeare museum B) replica of the Globe Theatre C) statue of Shakespeare
5. The animated Disney movie *The Lion King* was based on A) Taming of the Shrew B) Othello C) Hamlet
6. Taylor Swift's song *Love Story* was based on A) Romeo and Juliet B) Macbeth C) Julius Caesar

- Answers from the previous page:
1. C) at least 38.
 2. C) 410 - making Shakespeare the most filmed author ever in any language.
 3. B) hanging out flags - not a lot of people could read, so they hung different colored flags to let people know when a play was going to be performed and what kind of play it was going to be.
 4. B) 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 pulled down in 1644-1645 after it was closed.
 5. C) Hamlet - similarities include a slain king, an evil family member, and a rightful heir waiting to claim his throne.
 6. A) Romeo and Juliet - and she even honored the original author by wearing Elizabethan dress during her 2009 tour.



<p>1564</p> <p>William Shakespeare is born in Stratford-upon-Avon on April 23rd.</p>	<p>1569</p> <p>Shakespeare enters King's New School, an excellent school in Stratford.</p>	<p>1582</p> <p>18-year-old William Shakespeare marries 26-year-old Anne Hathaway.</p>	<p>1583-1585</p> <p>William and Anne welcome a daughter, named Susanna. Later their twins are born: son, Hamnet and daughter, Judith.</p>	<p>1590</p> <p>Shakespeare writes Henry VI, Part One, his very first play.</p>	<p>1593</p> <p>London theaters are closed due to an outbreak of bubonic plague. Eventually the plague kills about five percent of the city's residents.</p>	<p>1594</p> <p>Shakespeare's troupe, the Chamberlain's Men, becomes one of the most popular acting groups in London.</p>	<p>1599</p> <p>The Chamberlain's Men build the Globe Theatre, a wooden theater in London. Many of Shakespeare's plays are performed for the first time here.</p>	<p>1601</p> <p>Shakespeare's father dies. It is believed that his father's death motivates Shakespeare to write Hamlet at this time.</p>	<p>1603-1606</p> <p>King James ascends the throne and soon after, Shakespeare writes Macbeth as a nod to the king.</p>	<p>1613</p> <p>The Globe catches fire during a performance of Henry VIII and burns to the ground.</p>	<p>1616</p> <p>Suffering from an unknown illness, William Shakespeare dies on his 52nd birthday.</p>	<p>1616</p> <p>Shakespeare is buried in Holy Trinity Church in Stratford. His marker orders a curse on anyone who disturbs his grave.</p>	<p>1623</p> <p>Shakespeare's friends John Heminge and Henry Condell collect 36 of their friend's plays and publish them in a volume now known as the First Folio.</p>
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