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**NEA Presents *Shakespeare in Our Time*
Viewing Guide**

As you watch the movie, refer to this study guide and answer the following multiple choice and short answer questions.

1. _____ Who did Shakespeare write for?
 - a. The Queen
 - b. The upper class
 - c. Everyone
 - d. The Church

2. _____ According to the documentary, what three other forms of art base their work on Shakespeare?
 - a. film, opera, painting,
 - b. ballet, sculpting, classical music
 - c. graphic novels, rap music, mosaics
 - d. murals, karate, ball room dancing

3. _____ Who did Shakespeare marry?
 - a. Emma Thompson
 - b. Gertrude Stein
 - c. Anne Hathaway
 - d. Margaret Thatcher

4. _____ Who played the female roles in the first productions of Shakespeare's plays?
 - a. Women in royalty
 - b. Human-sized puppets
 - c. There were no female roles
 - d. Male actors

Why do you think this was? _____

5. _____ Who played the female roles in the first productions of Shakespeare's plays What is it called when characters in plays speak their thoughts out loud?
 - a. Epiphany
 - b. Soliloquy
 - c. Aside
 - d. Monologue

6. _____ What is it called when characters speak directly to the audience?
 - a. Aside
 - b. Monologue
 - c. Epiphany
 - d. Soliloquy

7. _____ What is Shakespeare's hometown?
 - a. London
 - b. Stratford
 - c. Liverpool
 - d. Canterbury

8. _____ Which play includes the line, “To be, or not to be”?
- a. *Macbeth*
 - b. *King Lear*
 - c. *The Crucible*
 - d. *Hamlet*
9. _____ According to the documentary, what human characteristic do most Shakespearian characters possess?
- a. Jealously
 - b. Humor
 - c. Complexity
 - d. Darkness
10. _____ Shakespeare’s poems and most of his plays were written using which poetic device?
- a. Iambic pentameter
 - b. End Rhyme
 - c. Haiku
 - d. Sestina
11. Most of the parts—the words for Shakespeare’s greatest characters—were _____?
- a. Originally painted on the cobblestone streets.
 - b. Originally poems.
 - c. Never printed until after Shakespeare’s death.
 - d. Based on actual conversations Shakespeare had with his friends.
12. What Japanese movie was based on Shakespeare’s King Lear? _____
13. What did Shakespeare predominately write about?
- a.) trials and tribulations of childhood
 - b.) romance
 - c.) politics
 - d.) the human condition
14. What do the hosts suggest about the importance of Shakespeare at the conclusion of this documentary? Think about the very first question in this viewing guide and how it relates to time.

15. Why do you think the filmmakers chose to show so many film clips in this documentary?
