

1. Elizabethan theater

<http://internetshakespeare.uvic.ca/Library/SLT/stage/stagesubj.html>

<http://www.watson.org/%7Eleigh/shakespeare.html#globe>

<http://search.eb.com/shakespeare/index2.html>

- What did a typical Elizabethan theater look like?
- What were some of the conventions of the Elizabethan theater (costumes, lighting, music, etc.)?
- Who typically attended the theater?
- What status did the theater and actors have in Elizabethan society?
- What was the Globe?

2. Elizabethan women

<http://www.william-shakespeare.info/elizabethan-wedding-customs.htm>

<http://internetshakespeare.uvic.ca/Library/SLT/society/familysubj.html>

<http://www.tomecek.com/jay/BeliefandCustoms.html>

- What kind of education did girls receive?
- What were typical Elizabethan marriage customs (average age, betrothal, class differences, property, etc.)?
- Were Elizabethan marriages typically arranged?
- What was a dowry and what importance did it have in a woman's marriage?
- What were some of the laws governing marriage?

3. Elizabeth customs/beliefs/worldview

<http://internetshakespeare.uvic.ca/Library/SLT/ideas/ideassubj.html>

<http://internetshakespeare.uvic.ca/Library/SLT/drama/medievaltragedy.html>

<http://www.tomecek.com/jay/BeliefandCustoms.html>

<http://internetshakespeare.uvic.ca/Library/SLT/stage/masque.html>

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Masquerade_ball

- What did people believe about the influence of the stars on humans?
- How were herbs used as medicine?
- What role did Fortune play in people's lives?
- What did Elizabethans believe about order in the universe?
- What were masques and what role did they play in Elizabethan society?

4. Shakespeare & the authorship debate

<http://www.shakespeare.org.uk>

<http://internetshakespeare.uvic.ca/Library/SLT/life/lifesubj.html>

<http://search.eb.com/shakespeare/index2.html>

- What do we know about Shakespeare's life (when and where he was born, education, marriage, career, death)?
- What roles did Shakespeare play in the theater?
- What is the controversy surrounding Shakespeare's authorship? After researching this issue, who do you think probably wrote the plays?
- Why is Shakespeare considered one of the greatest writers in the English language?