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Guided Notes: Introduction to Shakespeare

To build a foundation of Shakespeare, his language, and the English Renaissance, we are going to view a very short video and use guided note strategies to focus comprehension. While watching the video, please use this sheet to take notes and focus your energy.

Anticipation:

Please list three things **you already know** about William Shakespeare

Part I: Bill's Life

1. Explain **the English Renaissance**:

2. Shakespeare was born in (year) _____ and died in (year) _____.
3. He was born and died in _____, a small village outside of London.
4. How were actors treated during the **Elizabethan Era**?

5. Provide any details you gather about the **Globe Theater**.

6. Shakespeare wrote all sorts of plays. Name at least three types of plays he wrote:

Part II: Shakespeare's use of language

Explain the differences in poetry and prose.

Poetry	Prose

Define:

Meter:

Blank Verse:

Iamb:

Iambic Pentameter:

Why did Shakespeare write in **blank verse**?

How important is **his method of writing**? Why?

Part III: Renaissance Drama

Why was the language so important during Shakespeare's time?

Did common people speak in Shakespeare's language?

What are the **three ways to analyze a character** in a Shakespearean play?

1.

2.

3.

After the video is finished, please use your classmates around you and fill in any blank spaces you may have. Then, in the space below, please write down the most important thing you learned from this brief study.