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1. What are five facts known about Shakespeare?

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2. What are two examples of subjects Shakespeare wrote about that makes his

work seem contemporary, or modern?

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3. Why would theaters regularly be closed down?

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4. Why was attending plays a common denominator between the contrasting classes?

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5. Why were performances held in the afternoons?

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6. Instead of elaborate sets, what did theaters rely on for “scenery”?

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7. Why were the costumes of the actors so elegant?

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8. It was illegal for anyone under the rank of count, or countess, to wear what color?

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9. How was the theater in Shakespeare’s time like modern show business?

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10. Why didn’t city officials like the theaters?

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11. Who was not allowed to appear on stage?

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12. What was one of the main components audiences, as well as critics, wanted to see?

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13. Who was the most popular playwright in Shakespeare’s time?

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14. Who played women’s parts?

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15. Who was Queen during Shakespeare’s time?

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16. Why did playhouses succeed during Shakespeare’s time?

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17. Why didn’t the Queen ever marry?

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18. How did Shakespeare’s “Romeo and Juliet” differ from other plays of his time?

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19. What is the relationship between Romeo and Juliet?

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20. Why does Romeo poison himself?

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**Bonus: Name two of the modern actors that appeared in “Shakespeare in the Classroom”.**