



“William Shakespeare and the Globe” Story Guide

Name _____ Teacher _____

What is the genre of this story? _____

The author’s purpose is to (circle one): inform persuade debate

How long ago did William Shakespeare live? _____

What type of writing did Shakespeare mostly write? _____

In this story, what is the Globe? _____

What was another name for the Globe? P. 394 _____

Name two things that are different about how London was 400 years ago than a big city today? P. 397 _____
and _____

The story is divided into Acts and Scenes. What is Act I about?

Why did the author use captions under the pictures? _____

In England during Queen Elizabeth I’s reign, where did traveling actors perform? P. 399 _____

What does the picture show on p. 399? _____

What was the name of James Burbage’s son’s new playhouse?

Which two English royalties (kings and queens) lived during Shakespeare’s time? _____ and _____

Why did William Shakespeare become prosperous (rich)?

How was the Globe different than other theaters of the time?

What was different about theatre during Shakespeare's time than today? _____

Why do you think the playhouses closed during the plague? P. 402

Why did the Earl of Southampton become Shakespeare's patron?

What were the disadvantages of being a groundling? P.404

Would you like to go to a theatre like the Globe? _____ Why or why not? _____

Tell some ways the next twelve years were happy and sad for William Shakespeare. P. 407 _____

Who designed a new kind of indoor playhouse? _____

Fact or Opinion: Read the following statements. List them on your fact and opinion chart in the correct column.

- Shakespeare was born more than 400 years ago.
- Elizabethan times were the greatest times in history.
- Shakespeare was one of the greatest storytellers ever.
- In London, James Burbage started the first theater.
- London was a wonderful place to live in the 1500's.
- Shakespeare died on his fifty-second birthday.
- Everyone should read Shakespeare's plays.