

THE RENAISSANCE REVEALED

SHAKESPEARE, THE PLAYFUL PLAYWRIGHT

WHAT WE LEARNED:

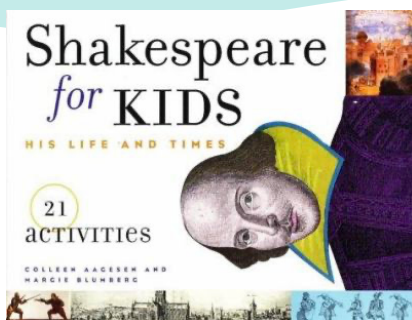
- We reviewed key biographical facts about William Shakespeare.
- Shakespeare is best known for his plays, which appealed to every layer of society in his day, including the common people.
- The plays were performed in the Globe Theatre.
- Shakespeare also wrote 154 known sonnets.
- Artists during this time began including what they were observing and learning (anatomy, nature, etc.) into their art.

ART ACTIVITY: MASKS

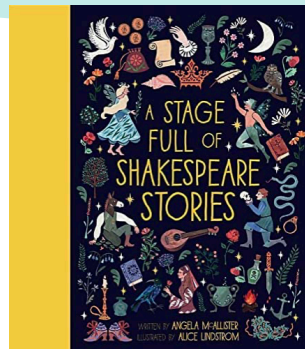
Masks were an important part of Elizabethan theater. Although there were masked balls in a few of Shakespeare's plays, masks were worn by the actors for other reasons. With a mask an actor could play more than one part; it allowed the actor to become more visible to the audience; and the mask exaggerated the features of a character.



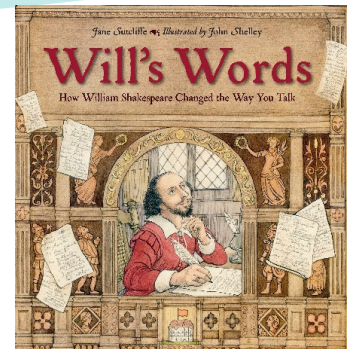
BOOK NOOK



Shakespeare for Kids: His Life and Times
By Colleen Aagesen and Margie Blumberg



A Stage Full of Shakespeare Stories
By Angela McAllister



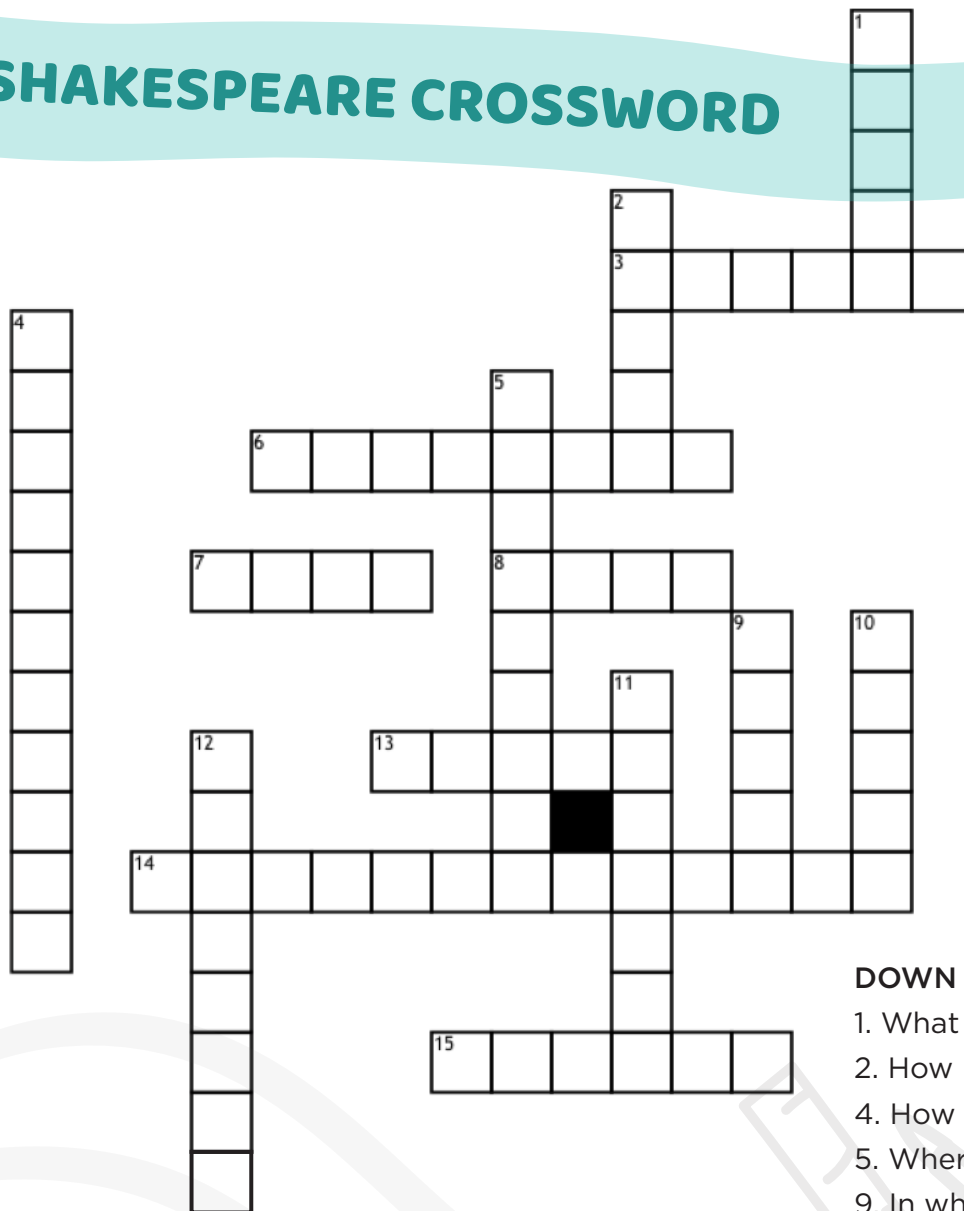
Will's Words: How William Shakespeare Changed the Way You Talk
By Jane Sutcliffe

DID YOU KNOW?

Shakespeare is known for inventing more than 1,700 words used in the English language! Check out the words below to see if you ever use any of them or know anyone with the two names listed.

- zany
- lonely
- puking
- skim milk
- gloomy
- beached
- eyeball
- Olivia
- Jessica

SHAKESPEARE CROSSWORD



ACROSS

3. What Shakespeare character said, "To be or not to be?"
6. How old was Shakespeare when he got married?
7. What was the name of his mother?
8. What was the name of Shakespeare's wife?
13. In what theater were most of his plays performed?
14. Which historical event influenced Macbeth?
15. Which of Shakespeare's children lived longest?

DOWN

1. What is written on his grave?
2. How many children did he have?
4. How many plays did he write?
5. Where was Shakespeare born?
9. In what month was he born?
10. What role did Shakespeare play himself in Hamlet?
11. What was Shakespeare's first performed play?
12. How many lines are in a sonnet?

Answers: 1. Curse; 2. Three; 3. Hamlet; 4. Thirty-seven; 5. Stratford; 6. Eighteen; 7. Mary; 8. Anne; 9. April; 10. Ghost; 11. Henry VI; 12. Fourteen; 13. Globe; 14. Gun Powder Plot; 15. Judith

CONNECTIONS AT HOME: MAKING A QUILL PEN

Adapted from: <https://www.alicedrawstheline.co.uk/blogs/a-word-from-alice/how-to-make-a-quill-pen-from-a-feather>

MATERIALS:

- Feather; large enough to hold as a pen
- Cutting mat
- Craft knife
- Ink and paper for testing your quill

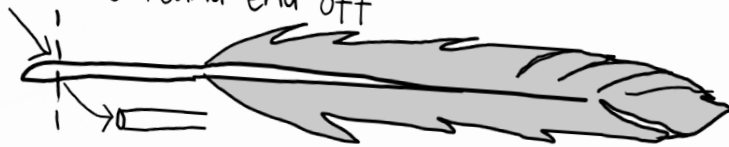
How to make a Quill pen with a Feather

by Alice Draws The Line

You need -
A Big Feather, A Cutting Mat, A Craft Knife, Ink and Paper.

Put the feather on the cutting mat and lean against the mat to make the cuts.

1. Cut the round end off



2. Cut the rough nib shape - a diagonal line from back to front

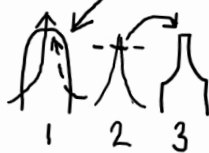


-bottom view



-top view

3. Shape the nib from the left and right, straighten the top too



4. On the inside of the nib, score (not cut) a line down the middle to help the ink flow to the tip



5. Find your ink and paper and give it a go!

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- Learn more about M&G's founder, Dr. Bob Jones Jr., and his interest in Shakespeare <https://museumandgallery.org/curtain-calls/>
- The Story of William Shakespeare for Children <https://youtu.be/c3RyQxEpMmY>
- How to Make a Feather Quill Pen Video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-ElgYQZZles>
- Shakespeare in M&G's collection: a character from *Richard III* <https://museumandgallery.org/edwin-long-r-a/>
- Shakespeare in M&G's collection: a scene from *King Henry VI* <https://museumandgallery.org/william-hamilton-r-a-2/>

Due to the changing nature of web resources, M&G strongly urges you as the parent to preview these sites before your child accesses them. The fact that these sites are available on this handout does not imply that M&G endorses their content from the standpoint of morals, philosophy, theology, or scientific hypotheses.

FOR PARENTS:

Although little is known about the man William Shakespeare, he is considered the world's greatest playwright. There is a lot of speculation about his life's details. We do know he was married, had three children, and eventually moved to London where writing and theater consumed his life. He wrote 37 plays and 154 known sonnets. Shakespeare loved words. In his writings he used some of the common language of the day in new ways, and he is also attributed with coining many new words and phrases, which he incorporated in his plays.

Please note: As M&G's host location for *Homeschool Days*, Mack Library will feature books each month for parents to reference as resources. We hope these additional features will further support your teaching at home.



M&G Educational Mission:

Through tours, events, and publications, the Museum & Gallery seeks to partner with educators in fulfilling all of the National Visual Arts Content Standards. By integrating art into the core curriculum, M&G's goals are to teach children to value the arts, to communicate through the arts, to become creative problem solvers through the inclusion of STEAM-related concepts and fully-developed STEAM units, to understand history and culture in light of the arts, to improve literary interest and understanding through visual storytelling, to critique the arts, and to develop an aesthetic awareness of the arts. Through fulfilling the mission, M&G is able to help develop citizens who have the ability to think, feel, and understand the world in which they live.