**“Shakespeare and his Times” Research Project  
ESL (Ms. McNeill)**

**PURPOSE – To research and briefly summarize the following for a presentation to provide an overview of the life and times of Shakespeare - his influences and how he has influenced us**

**1.  Life – the highlights of Shakespeare’s life**

* <http://worldbookonline.com/student/article?id=ar504520&st=shakespeare>
* <http://simple.wikipedia.org/wiki/William_Shakespeare> (from Simple Wikipedia)

**2.  Shakespeare’s Plays – the three types of plays, his most performed plays, his most popular plays**

* (<http://worldbookonline.com/student/article?id=ar504520&st=shakespeare&sc=4>)
* <http://shakespeare.nuvvo.com/lesson/4448-shakespeare-plays-comedies-tragedies-histories>

**3.  Elizabeth I - What was her relationship to Shakespeare?**

* <http://worldbookonline.com/student/article?id=ar178460&st=elizabeth+i>
* [http://east\_west\_dialogue.tripod.com/europe/id3.html](https://webmail.sd43.bc.ca/OWA/redir.aspx?C=56bafde5920944eca0b53b14fa12ff4e&URL=http%3a%2f%2feast_west_dialogue.tripod.com%2feurope%2fid3.html)

**4.  James VI – What was his relationship to Shakespeare?**

* <http://heritage.caledonianmercury.com/2011/04/04/the-plays-the-thing-james-vi-and-the-rise-of-shakespeare/002189>
* <http://www.spartacus.schoolnet.co.uk/TUDjames6.htm> (basic info about his life)

**5.  Globe Theatre and how plays were staged, the audience, etc.**

* <http://worldbookonline.com/student/article?id=ar226380&st=globe+theater>
* <http://www.newworldencyclopedia.org/entry/Globe_Theatre>

**6. Puritans – what were their beliefs? How did this affect Shakespeare?**

* <http://worldbookonline.com/student/article?id=ar452140&st=puritans>
* <http://www.pbs.org/shakespeare/glossary/glossary274.html>

**7.  London life during Shakespeare’s time**

* <http://worldbookonline.com/student/article?id=ar504520&st=shakespeare%27s+london&sc=2#h18>
* <http://www.elizabethan.org/compendium/27.html>

**8.  Elizabethan beliefs  i.e. Chain of Being, Religion (there is a nice section in the book, The World of Shakespeare, that is useful.)**

* <https://sites.google.com/site/shakespearefunfact/divine-order>
* [http://www.d118.s-cook.k12.il.us/south/staff/kpempek/shakes/ElizabethanBeliefs.html](https://webmail.sd43.bc.ca/OWA/redir.aspx?C=56bafde5920944eca0b53b14fa12ff4e&URL=http%3a%2f%2fwww.d118.s-cook.k12.il.us%2fsouth%2fstaff%2fkpempek%2fshakes%2fElizabethanBeliefs.html)

9.  Shakespeare through the ages  - Shakespearean performances in the 18th, 19th, and 20th centuries

* 18th century – “Garrick Champions Shakepeare” section-

<http://robin-haig.suite101.com/david-garrick-a184075>

* <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shakespeare_in_performance> - you will need assistance with this article, which is quite sophisticated in language

**10. Shakespeare’s Poems and Songs**

* <http://worldbookonline.com/student/article?id=ar504520&st=shakespeare%27s+london&sc=2#h18>
* <http://www.bardweb.net/poetry.html> (the language in this site is a bit more difficult)