



Pathfinder: Shakespeare and His Time Period

This pathfinder will help you research William Shakespeare and the Elizabethan Era.

Search Tools: Use the search stations in the library (or any computer in the school by using the URL 10.1.9.75:8080) to access the library's catalog to find materials in the library's collection.

Introductory Materials: Encyclopedias are a great way to start your research if you are not familiar with your subject.

This will give you a quick explanation and other terms and ideas to expand your search terms.

Terms and Keywords: Use the computer search stations to look for your book sources. You may try general words to find your subject like "Shakespeare." This is a broad category so you may want to get more specific. Try searching for a specific play such as "The Tempest" or "Othello." If you are looking for other information, try these keywords:

- Elizabethan era
- Globe Theater
- Theater
- Elizabethan costume

Dewey Numbers: The KHS Drew Library Media Center uses the Dewey Decimal System to catalog and organize materials. Begin your search for your disease by using the following Dewey numbers:

- 822.33 – Shakespeare has his own Dewey number: 822.33. If you are looking for one of his plays, add the first three letters of the play's title after 822.33 to find the play you are looking for – example: 822.33 ROM for Romeo and Juliet.
- 92 SHA – If you are looking for a biography on William Shakespeare, you can find it under 92 SHA.

- 942.055 – This number has information on the Elizabethan time period.

Reference Materials to Use: The books marked with a reference sticker cannot be checked out. However, you may make copies of the pages you need in them. Don't forget to copy the title page to use for your works cited page. Here are just a few of the books we have in the reference section that could help you out:

- REF 809.2 BLO – Dramatists and Dramas
- REF 942.055 ELI – Elizabethan World: Biographies
- REF 942.055 ELI – Elizabethan World: Primary Sources

Internet Resources: There are millions of websites with information on Shakespeare. This can be a great source, however, make sure that the site you use has reliable, credible information. Here are some good sites to look at:

<http://www.shakespeare-online.com/> - Shakespeare Online

<http://absoluteshakespeare.com/> - Absolute Shakespeare

<http://www.elizabethan-era.org.uk/elizabethan-england.htm> - Elizabethan England

<http://elizabethan.org/compendium/home.html> - life in Elizabethan England

Fiction Reading: You may want to read a fiction book to supplement your research. Here are some fiction books about this subject:

FIC COO – Enter Three Witches: A Story of Macbeth by Caroline Cooney

FIC COO – King of Shadows by Susan Cooper

FIC FIE – Dating Hamlet by Lisa Fiedler

FIC FIE – Romeo's Ex by Lisa Fiedler

FIC GOO – The Sonnet Lover by Carol Goodman

FIC LES – Othello by Julius Lester

FIC SEL – Saving Juliet by Suzanne Selfor