



Shakespeare's Globe Theater

Introduction

Shakespeare's Globe Theater was designed as a new educational resource that addresses fundamental problems with student knowledge of reading Shakespeare's plays. The place is London, England and the year is 1599. The program takes place inside the Globe Theater on the legendary River Thames where William Shakespeare's famous plays were performed.

Description

Students travel through time to explore and discover Shakespeare's Globe theater, from the trap door in the stage to the murals on its ceiling. In the background providing are upbeat, colorful environment are Harpsichord compositions, the music of the day.

Program Content

The program includes over 40 learning objectives. To set the stage to understand Shakespeare, students are given background on Shakespeare's London, the heart of England and its cultural center. Students

interact with virtual biographies of William Shakespeare, from his youth through his days as the world's greatest playwright.

An overview of his work includes the subjects of his plays and his understanding of human nature. Students discover Shakespeare's Global Influence and contribution to the development of the English language.

Students become familiar with the Globe Theater, its size, and its construction. They truly discover the Globe Theater- its spaces, balconies, trap doors, props, costumes, and sound effects. To gain further perspective, students see Shakespeare's audiences and their broad social background from royalty to the famous working class groundlings.



Additionally, the program contains detailed information and descriptions of Shakespeare's most famous plays such as Romeo and Juliet, Julius Caesar, Hamlet, Othello, and others. Students are able to interact with rotating original copies of the plays located in seating gallery.

Educational Significance

The Shakespeare's Globe Theater provides a fresh new perspective on Shakespeare, taking his relevance and importance from the sixteenth century into the 21st. The program helps students to comprehend a past era which most students have difficulty understanding.