

Name: _____ Period: ____ Date: _____

Shakespeare's World vs. Our Own

Summarize: Choose three (3) of the articles about Shakespeare's life and times to read carefully and summarize. *Remember: A summary mentions all the main points but does not go into specific detail.*

Title of Article #1: _____

Summary: _____

Title of Article #2: _____

Summary: _____

Title of Article #3: _____

Summary: _____

Synthesize: Review your summaries and compare them to your own knowledge about our modern world. Make inferences about four (4) ways Shakespeare's world is different than ours (that you can support with evidence from the articles). Fill in the blanks below: State each inference as an *informational* claim and offer one piece of textual evidence to support it. Explain your reasoning for that piece of evidence.

1. One way Shakespeare's world was different than the modern world is _____

_____.

The article titled "_____,", by _____,

says, "_____

_____."

This is unlike the modern world, in which _____

_____.

2. Another difference between Shakespeare's world and the 21st century is _____

_____.

According to the article called "_____" by _____,

"_____

_____."

Conversely, nowadays _____

_____.

3. A third way Shakespeare's world differs from our own is _____

_____.

The article titled "_____" by _____

says, "_____

_____."

This shows that _____

_____.

4. A final difference between Shakespeare's world and modern times is _____

_____.

In the essay "_____", _____ writes,

"_____

_____."

This illustrates a significant difference because in the modern world _____

_____.

Just by filling in these blanks, you have NOT written an informational essay. You have, however, done some of the research and gathered some of the information for one. You could turn this into a complete essay by crafting an introduction with an attention getter, background information, and a primary claim/thesis; adding more textual evidence for each topic sentence (informational claim); explaining the reasoning for each piece of evidence; including appropriate transitions in and between paragraphs; and adding a conclusion paragraph. Whether you ever turn it into an essay or not, you now know a few things about Shakespeare that you didn't know before.