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Language Help Sheet for the text “Shakespeare: Social and Historical Context: Society”

The table below gives you quick language help on specific terms from the text.

origin	The place or point from which anything first comes; the cause
Jacobean (adj.)	reign or times of James I of England
divine (adj.)	coming from God
counsellor	a person who gives advice
hierarchy	system in which people or things are ranked from top to bottom according to their importance
aristocracy	class of people who hold high social rank
duke	high ranking title in nobility (only below prince)
earl	man of high social rank; man of noble birth or rank
baron	low-ranking male member of the nobility
swathe	long strip or large area esp of land
court	household or residence of kings and queens
accommodation	place to stay or live
merchant	a person whose job is to buy and sell products
craftsman	A person who is skilled in a particular craft
labourer	a person who performs physical labour, e.g. on a farm, in a household, in a factory
servant	a person employed in another person's house
wage	money people earn for their jobs
chain	Deutsch.: Kette
sparrow	a bird (<i>Spatz</i>)
to deem sth.)	to consider or judge sth in a particular way
property	objects or buildings owned by sb
dowry	money or property the wife brings her husband (<i>Mitgift, Brautgabe</i>)

Annotations adapted for target group from definitions generated with AI and Wikipedia (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Royal_court)



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