

# Lesson ideas and materials

## William Shakespeare

### The stage

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### Teaching aims

This lesson focuses on reading comprehension (textual input + reading comprehension quiz). Students will gain knowledge about the special effects used in the historical Globe Theatre.

### Description of materials

The following material consists of:

- A picture of a typical Elizabethan outdoor theatre (AI-generated)
- Input on special effects in the Globe Theatre (Worksheet 1, "Fact Sheet: Special Effects" by Globe Education: <https://teach.shakespearesglobe.com/fact-sheet-special-effects?previous=/library>)
- Annotations (Worksheet 2)
- Reading comprehension quiz (Worksheet 3)

### Overview of lesson design:

Phase / Teaching activity / Impulse	Material
<b>Activity 1 [plenary discussion]</b> Teacher asks students to describe the picture.	Picture of a typical Elizabethan outdoor theatre
<b>Activity 2 [individual work]</b> Teacher hands out WS 1 and WS 2 and asks students to read the text attentively. Worksheet 1 is a text on special effects in the Globe Theatre by Globe Education ("Fact Sheet: Special Effects": <a href="https://teach.shakespearesglobe.com/fact-sheet-special-effects?previous=/library">https://teach.shakespearesglobe.com/fact-sheet-special-effects?previous=/library</a> )	WS 1, WS 2



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<p><b>Activity 3 [individual work]</b></p> <p>Teacher hands out WS 3. Students work on the reading comprehension quiz.</p>	WS 3
<p><b>Activity 4 [plenary discussion]</b></p> <p>The answers to the reading comprehension quiz are discussed in class. Teacher asks students to name 1-3 interesting /noteworthy facts they have learned about the use of special effect in the Globe Theatre.</p>	WS 3
<p><b>Activity 5 [plenary discussion]</b></p> <p>Teacher asks students to brainstorm together about facts they know about the way special effects in the theatre productions (but maybe also in films) are produced today.</p>	