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The Golden Age of Drama



The _____ era was a time of great change in English history, especially in the arts. Theatre became extremely popular. The most famous playwright was _____. He wrote plays that are still performed today. His works included comedies, tragedies, and histories. These plays were performed in theaters like the _____. Actors in this era were all _____, even in female roles. The costumes were lavish, but the sets were simple.

Queen _____ was a big supporter of the arts. She often attended plays herself. Her reign is known as the Golden Age of English _____. The theatres were open-air and could hold thousands of spectators. People from all classes came to watch, from the poor to the _____. The groundlings, who were the poorer audience members, stood in the open yard. Those who could afford it sat in the _____.

The plays were usually performed in the afternoon. This was because there was no _____ for lighting. Plays often contained elaborate sword fights and physical comedy. Music and dance were also important parts of a play. The language of these plays was Early _____. It can be challenging to understand today.

The Elizabethan era ended with the death of Queen Elizabeth I. However, the impact of its theatre remains. It influenced modern _____ greatly. Many terms and phrases from Shakespeare's plays are still used in English today.

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