

Shakespeare?

During the Jacobean era, William Shakespeare was an English, playwright, poet and actor, famous for many plays including Macbeth. He was born in 1564 and passed away in 1616.

Shakespeare's plays were written to be performed on stage and when the Globe was built, Macbeth was performed in front of thousands. The Globe got its name from the round shape of the theatre, and the roundness allowed the whole audience to be able to clearly see the stage. It costed about 2 – 6 pence for a seat. Another point is that women weren't allowed to perform on stage, so the men had to play their part.

However, in 1613, the Globe burnt down when a cannon fired during a performance.



Jacobean era

- When Elizabeth died with no children (1603) her cousin, King James VI, became king. He became king of Scotland as James VI at only 13 months old!! However, he died at age 36 from a fever. He loved learning, especially poetry and reading and he wrote two books of his own.

Some facts:

- He had gross habits like picking his nose dribbling on his clothes
- It was known that he had little to no manners

1564 – 1616 William Shakespeare's life time.

24th March 1603

Queen Elizabeth I dies and James takes the throne.

1604 The Gunpowder Plot Timeline (starts to take shape)

Robert Catesby, Thomas Winter, Jack Wright, Thomas Percy and Guy Fawkes plan to blow up Parliament, and in December they begin digging the tunnel.

They begin filling a store room with gun powder, and Lord Monteagle receives the mysterious letter warning him of the evil plan. They search parliament and find GUY FAWKS and he is arrested while everyone runs away to the midlands.

1606 Trials and executions

27 January - Digby, Grant, Fawkes, Keyes, Rookwood, the Winters and Bates go on trial at Westminster Hall.

30 January - Digby, Robert Winter, Grant and Bates are executed in St Paul's Churchyard.

31 January - Fawkes, Rookwood, Thomas Winter and Keyes are executed in Old Palace Yard, Westminster.