

## **The Globe Theatre**

Take a few minutes and note down anything below that you may know about the Globe Theatre.

Go to this link and work through the [Virtual Globe](#).

Note take some interesting facts that you learn about the theatre itself and the society and culture of the time.

### **Note taking:**

This took place 400 years ago

### **Entering**

\* We are entering the door, at the door you can see a doorkeeper that bars your way. His job is to keep trouble makers and pick pockets out .

\* One of the most popular attraction of Shakespeare is the animal baiting

--> people watch animal fight against each other.

--> Train dogs would also fight against bulls or bears

### **The Yard**

\* The yard is a smelly, noisy area with crowded people. The yard is an area for lower class people more often. People shove around to get the best view

\* This is an outdoor place, so if it's raining, the people would get wet, if it's snowing, the people would get snow all over them and get cold



\* On the other hand, the rich was covered by galleries and they could even sit and not get dirty in any weathers.

\* Groundings are local english people who would stand and watch the play. They were mostly, shop keepers, shoemakers or bakers.

- \* From the yard, you can tell their message by their gestures because the people there are very close to the audience
- \* The audience in the globe include a lot of different levels of society

**Did you know fact:** If the audience in the front don't like what was showing, they can throw bottles, food or rubbish at them.

### **Diseases**

- \* There were terrible smells and lots of noise in Shakespeare's day. The Globe was smelly
- \* There were thousands of people in the globe, but there was no toilet at all. So that time, they would pass buckets around.

### **Skipping work**

- people would skip work so that they could see plays since it starts at 2pm and ends at 4- 5 pm.
- Churches services were also at around 2pm, so some people would also need to skip church to go to go the theaters.

### **Rich audience**

- \* The rich get to sit in the high areas and get to stay away from the smell and crowds in the yard.
- \* Paying 2 extra pennies can let you sit in the " lords room". The lords room is closer to the stage and is more private. You even get a cushion.



### **Galleries**

- \* From the gallery, you look directly at the people in the yard and the actors
- \* since the place was so tight and small, thieves were possible.
- \* Thieves could steal money from the small crowd and they were called the " cutpurses"
- \* Fights were also included and rude comments too



**Cannon**

The cannon is on the other side of the gallery, and when it fires, it means the play has begun.

**Fashion**

In Shakespeare's time, people were aware of fashion and best clothing. Clothing was important because it describes the character itself



Some actors would also play a few characters

**Lighting**

There was no artificial lighting in the globe. Lights came from the sunlight. That's why they have a time limit.

People would have to try to imagine that they are at night in the play