The Tragedy of Romeo and Juliet -
Background Topics for Research

Architecture
Arms & Armor
Art
Banking & Money
Bloody Mary (Queen Mary I)
Children & Child-rearing
Chivalry, Heraldry & Knighthood
Church & Religion
City Life
Crimes & Punishment
Country Life
The Court
Education
Queen Elizabeth I
Elizabethan Playwrights
Entertainment
Family Life
Fairs, Festivals & Banquets
Food & Drink
The Globe Theater
Government & Politics
Henry VIII
History of British Monarchy
Hospitals & Asylums
Houses & Gardens
Hygiene & Sanitation
Inventions
James I, King of Scotland
Law & the Legal System
Life in a Castle
Literature
London
Christopher Marlowe
Love & Marriage
Mary, Queen of Scots
Medicine & Medical Practices
Men’s Fashion, Clothing & Hairstyles
Music & Musical Instruments
Occupations –
  • Apprentice
  • Clergy
  • Farmer
  • Physician
  • Servant
  • Tradesman
Old Age & Death
Philip II, King of Spain
The Plague & Diseases
Printing & Publishing
The Puritan Movement
Science & Technology
Shakespeare’s Influence in Modern Day Media
William Shakespeare
William Shakespeare - The Lost Years
Shakespeare’s Plays –
  • Comedies
  • Histories
  • Romances
  • Tragedies
Shakespeare’s Stage & Acting
Shakespearian Insults & Coined Phrases
The Social Classes -
  • The Poor
  • Middle Class
  • Upper Class
Sports, Games & Hobbies
Superstitions, Supernatural, and Witchcraft
Trading in England and Abroad
Transportation & Communication
Travel & Tourism
The Tudors
Upstairs / Downstairs
War
Women
Women’s Fashion, Clothing & Hairstyles

Important Figures of the Renaissance –
  • Christopher Columbus
  • Nicolaus Copernicus
  • Francis Drake
  • Galileo Galilei
  • Leonardo da Vinci
  • Niccolo Machiavelli
  • The Medicis
  • Thomas More
  • Francisco Pizarro