# Shakespeare’s World

## Shakespeare’s England

* Lived during Renaissance period, art flourished
* Elizabeth 1 Queen-supported the arts
* London was the center of the arts.

## Shakespeare’s Theater

* Lord Chamberlain’s Men –theater company (shareholder)
* 1599 part owner Globe Theatre
* Queen died, King James, became King’s Men
* Raised platform stage, the pit (least exp. seats, stood), inner balconies for seats
* Performed for everyone, rich and poor
* Crowds got involved in perf. Yelling, cheering, etc.
* Women were not allowed to act.

**Shakespeare’s Life**

* Bio pieced together through minimal ev.
* Born April 23, 1564 in Stratford upon Avon
* Father was a glove maker and local politician, attended local gr. School
* Married Anne Hathaway, three children (daughter, twins)
* London-acting company, part owner of Globe
* 1613 moved back to Stratford
* Died on April 23, 1616
* Titles: *Hamlet, King Lear, Macbeth, The Taming of the Shrew*