Think and learn

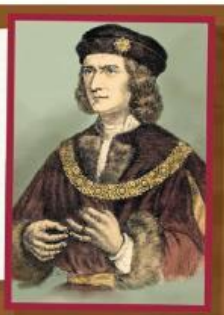
1 **Read and complete the sentences.**

~~characters~~ comedies history plays
make-up props special effects tragedies

1 The characters are the people that the play is about.
2 The _____ are the objects that actors use when they are in a play.
3 Actors sometimes use _____ on their faces so that they look more like the characters.
4 In the theatre, _____ can be created by using lights or sounds.
5 Shakespeare wrote ten _____. They were all about kings of England.
6 Shakespeare's _____ are quite serious plays. Often something sad or bad happens.
7 Lots of funny things happen in Shakespeare's _____ and they can be quite confusing!

2 **History, comedy or tragedy? Read about six of Shakespeare's plays and complete the chart.**

Richard III Richard of Gloucester is the King's younger brother. He wants to be king. He will do anything to become king himself and doesn't always tell the truth.



The Tempest After a fight with his brother, Antonio, Prospero goes to live on an island. When Antonio's ship has an accident at sea, he arrives on the same island. Antonio's son wants to marry Prospero's daughter. After a party and some magic, everyone is friends again.

Twelfth Night Viola and Sebastian are twins. Viola dresses as a boy to get a job with the Duke. The Duke's daughter believes she is a boy and wants to marry her! There are lots of jokes and confusion.

Macbeth Macbeth sees some women who tell him he will be king. His wife tells him to kill the King. He does, but he is afraid that other people will find out, so he kills them too. He and his wife both become mad because they feel so bad.

Hamlet Hamlet's father dies. His mother marries his uncle. He sees his father's ghost and wants to find out the truth. There is a lot of fighting. Many people die, including Hamlet.

Henry V The action takes place in the 15th century. Henry V is the King of England. He is at war with France, but eventually makes peace – and marries a French princess!

HISTORY	TRAGEDY	COMEDY
Richard III		

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3 **Read about the six Shakespeare plays again and write a name.**

Who …

1 has a twin sister? Sebastian
2 is told he will become king? _____
3 isn't always honest? _____
4 marries someone from a different country? _____
5 sees a ghost? _____
6 goes to live on an island? _____

4 Project **Read and complete the mind map about your project.**

5 Project **Write a short description of your theatre stage.**

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