

Complete the passage with the words in the box.

his company

vagabonds or beggars

Italy and France

his reputation

William Shakespeare's times

talented writer

Shakespeare

actors, and playwrights

financial and status

European artists

more popular

who legitimized

During \_\_\_\_\_, patrons were extremely important for \_\_\_\_\_ . Painters and sculptors needed them in \_\_\_\_\_ in the same way writers, \_\_\_\_\_ needed them in England. As a matter of fact, since actors were frequently considered \_\_\_\_\_, they needed patrons for \_\_\_\_\_ support. In effect, even though Shakespeare was a \_\_\_\_\_, he earned much of \_\_\_\_\_ thanks to noble patrons \_\_\_\_\_ his art when they invested in \_\_\_\_\_ and helped him with the license required. Probably, in exchange, \_\_\_\_\_ helped them to become \_\_\_\_\_.