

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 _____.