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A Little about Shakespeare - Short Answer Questions

1. The reading begins with the question, "Is knowing about William Shakespeare important in the 21st Century or is it *Much Ado About Nothing*?" Answer this question with your opinion.
2. Do we know how many plays Shakespeare wrote? Explain your answer.
3. What are the major categories of Shakespearean plays?
4. Shakespeare's play *Julius Caesar* is frequently read and performed in modern times. The most famous scene includes Julius Caesar's assassination. Do some research and write a short report about Julius Caesar's death.
5. One of Shakespeare's most famous plays is *Hamlet*. Do some research and find out what the main character Hamlet's major flaw is.
6. Watch a contemporary movie version of *Romeo and Juliet*. Explain the plot.
7. Shakespeare was not always true to history in his historical plays. For example, in the play *Julius Caesar* a clock chimes the hour even though clocks were invented about 1,000 after Julius Caesar died. Do you think that mistake takes away from Shakespeare as an author? Do you think that Shakespeare even knew when clocks were invented?