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1. What's the easiest way to tell if a poem is a sonnet?

- a. See if it's about love and romance
- b. See if it contains rhyming couplets
- c. Figure out if it's written in Latin
- d. Count the number of lines

2. What can you conclude about Shakespeare's acting company from its name?

- a. It was sponsored by Queen Elizabeth I
- b. It was made up of men only
- c. It was the most popular company in London
- d. It was originally formed in Shakespeare's hometown of Stratford

3. Shakespeare wrote more than 100 sonnets. Which term best describes his output?

- a. Prolific
- b. Optimistic
- c. Sparse
- d. Friendly

4. Which of these is an opinion about William Shakespeare?

- a. Relatively little is known about his childhood
- b. By 1594, he had gained fame in London
- c. His plays are more important than his poetry
- d. Some of his sonnets are addressed to a young man

5.  How would Shakespeare please the groundlings in his audience?

- a. With bawdy jokes
- b. With poetic language
- c. With heart-wrenching romance
- d. With stories about kings and nobles

6. What did original performances of Shakespeare's plays have in common with modern Broadway plays?

- a. They were all two acts long
- b. They contained lots of music and singing
- c. They were nominated for numerous awards
- d. They debuted in a large theater in a big city

7. What do Shakespeare's history plays have in common?

- a. They present realistic pictures of what life was like in the past
- b. They're not tragedies, so the characters never die
- c. They're almost always about kings, queens, or nobles
- d. They're extremely long

8. Groundlings were most similar to:

- a. Wealthy socialites who regularly attend the opera
- b. The people in the bleachers at a ballgame
- c. Young families who occasionally see plays in the city
- d. People who make sure to see a movie the night it comes out

9. "Twelfth Night" is a comedy. Knowing this, what can you infer about the ending of the play?

- a. It's very funny
- b. It contains several sonnets
- c. One of the characters dies
- d. It probably includes a wedding

10. What supernatural creature can be found in many of Shakespeare's plays?

- a. 
- b. 
- c. 
- d. 