English 9

*Romeo and Juliet*Research Project  
Points Possible 60

**Assignment: Shakespeare’s World and You**

In this assignment you are going to research a topic relative

to the life and times of William Shakespeare in England. This time period is known as the English Renaissance.

**Step One**: Develop a **guiding question** for your area of interest. You will turn your question into a statement which becomes the topic and focus

for your information gathering (research).

Your question is due \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Write guiding question:**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Step Two**: **Collecting and choosing resources** (need a minimum of two). This is your discovery phase. You will be reading about your subject area and collecting both direct quotes and paraphrasing sources. Note that whether you have direct quotes or paraphrase from a source, in both instances you must use MLA in-text citations and have a Works Cited page.

Your information gathering is due\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Step Three:** In no more than **two paragraphs** write about the information you gathered and the knowledge you gained regarding your topic. Begin with your topic sentence that essentially answers your guiding question. **You must include at least one direct quote and one piece of paraphrased information, along with the appropriate MLA formatting.**

Your typed informational paragraph and Works Cited page are due \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Step Four: Product to share.** This is where you present the “artifact” of your research. It could be a floral headdress of that time period, a powerpoint presentation of your topic, a food product, a lesson in sword fighting, beauty aids in Renaissance England, etc.

(You must get approval of your product from me before you begin. )

Your “artifact” proposal is due \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

You will share the artifact in class on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Here are a few suggested topic areas for the time period:**

**(Feel free to add one of your choosing.)**

Masquerades, women in society

medicine/potions witches and witchcraft

clothing/fashion,

foods,

music/art

theatre