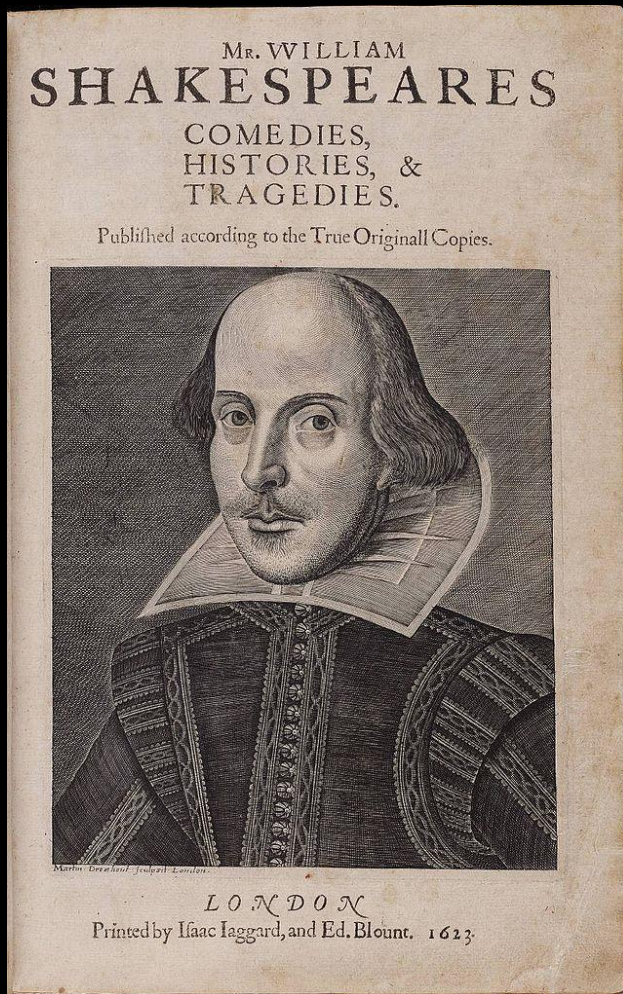


William Shakespeare's World

Including: Life, Linguistics, Class
Structure of the Time/Audience, and an
introduction to *The Tragedy of Romeo
and Juliet*

Victoria Tuttle

Big Bill the Bard, Himself:



Baptized April 26, 1564

Died April 23, 1616

38 Plays, 154 Sonnets, 2 Narrative Poems

Plays have been performed more often than any other playwright

Title page from Shakespeare's first folio, 1623.

A Little Linguistics:



Early etching of an Elizabethan printing press and studio.

Invented over 1700 common words.

Spelling had not been standardized.

Folios were printed after Shakespeare's death.

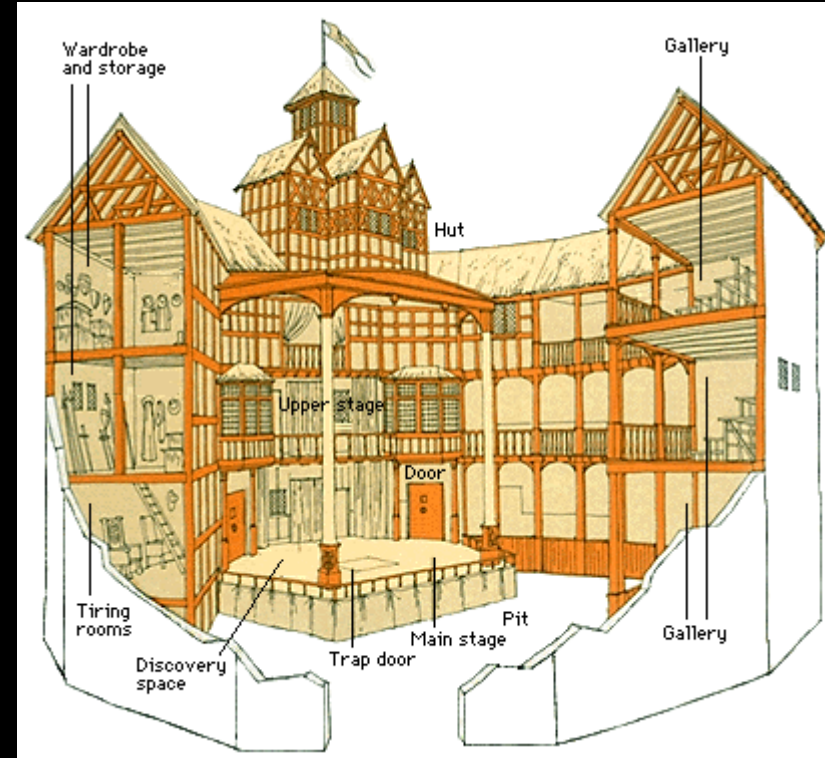
Quartos printed during lifetime.

Quartos, some considered less than "authentic".

Elizabethan Social Structures:



Above: Picture of the modern reproduction Globe Theatre.
Right: Layout of original Globe Theatre.



Theater for the masses.

Strict social order.

Caste, more than class.

Where you sat=your class.

Queen is absolute monarch.

Queen= God's representative on Earth.

What are you for, *Romeo and Juliet*?



Romeo and Juliet, Ford Madox Brown, 1870.

Based on:

Pyramus and Thisbe

The Tragical History of Romeus and Juliet

14th/15th Century Verona and Mantua.

Social Criticism.