**TA147 Introduction to Theater**

Assignment: Shakespeare

Reading: Chapter 8, The World of Shakespeare

This assignment requires you to write a narrative using all the information from the course lectures, video, resources on the Moodle site and the chapter reading in the online text.

Follow these instructions carefully: One page response minimum

* Write a ‘letter to someone’ (basically you’re describing your experience in this paper; that includes all the words and places listed below.
  + For instance*: I found myself walking down to…….. on my way to the Globe Theater to see Shakespeare’s newest play, Hamlet…….(this is an example do not use)*
  + Include something about, or in reference to, your social status: peasant, tradesman, elite, etc. (consider how that makes your experience different from others)
  + Consider the time of year you are attending; Consider the weather as you travel to the theater
  + Who and what do you see on your way? What do you see at the theater?
  + Talk about what you see and who you engage with
  + You can add information regarding your ‘character’s ‘ experience but you must still use all the words below correctly.
  + Consider the era: you are a 16th Century person living in England
* Write the ‘story’ as if you are attending the play *Hamlet* at the Globe Theater.
* Use ALL the words listed below within the writing, including the quote; apply each word appropriately.
* Be thorough and use complete sentences. Your writing is being graded on the accuracy of this period in theater history. Be as creative as you like but you must maintain that you are in 16th Century England.

**WORD LIST:**

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| Globe Theater | Shakespeare | Flag |
| Groundlings | Trap Door | Upper Gallery |
| Lord Chamberlain’s Men | Bard | Prose |
| Verse | Hamlet | London |
| Themes | Wooden “O” | Queen Elizabeth |
| Stage | Actors | Orange Girls |

“Then trip him, that his heels may kick at heaven, And that his soul may be as damn’d

and black as hell…” quote from play

EXTRA CREDIT: (10 pts)

Describe the Astor Opera House Riot, in detail. What happened? Why? Results? Your opinion of the riot.

YOU MUST USE YOUR OWN WORDS, NO COPYING AND PASTING FROM WEB.