Reading Comprehension

Encore, Mr William Shakespeare!

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Read 'The Finale' text excerpt pages in this pack. This text is taken from Encore, Mr William Shakespeare! and gives details of the final years of William Shakespeare's life.



Answer these questions:

Why did Shakespeare stop performing his plays at the Theatre?

Which word tells us that the Burbage brothers didn't want anyone to know what they were doing?

'Everyone flocked to the performances'. What does this sentence mean?

Find and copy the word that means King James was a supporter of Will's acting company.

How can you tell that Will was very wealthy?

Why did Will retire from London?

What was unusual about the age that Will died at?

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Would you rather have sat in the Lord's Rooms or been a groundling?
Discuss your answer with a partner using the text to explain your answer.

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Why do you think Shakespeare's friends decided to publish a collection of his plays? Discuss your answer with a partner.

Number these events in Will's life from 1 to 5 in the order they occurred.

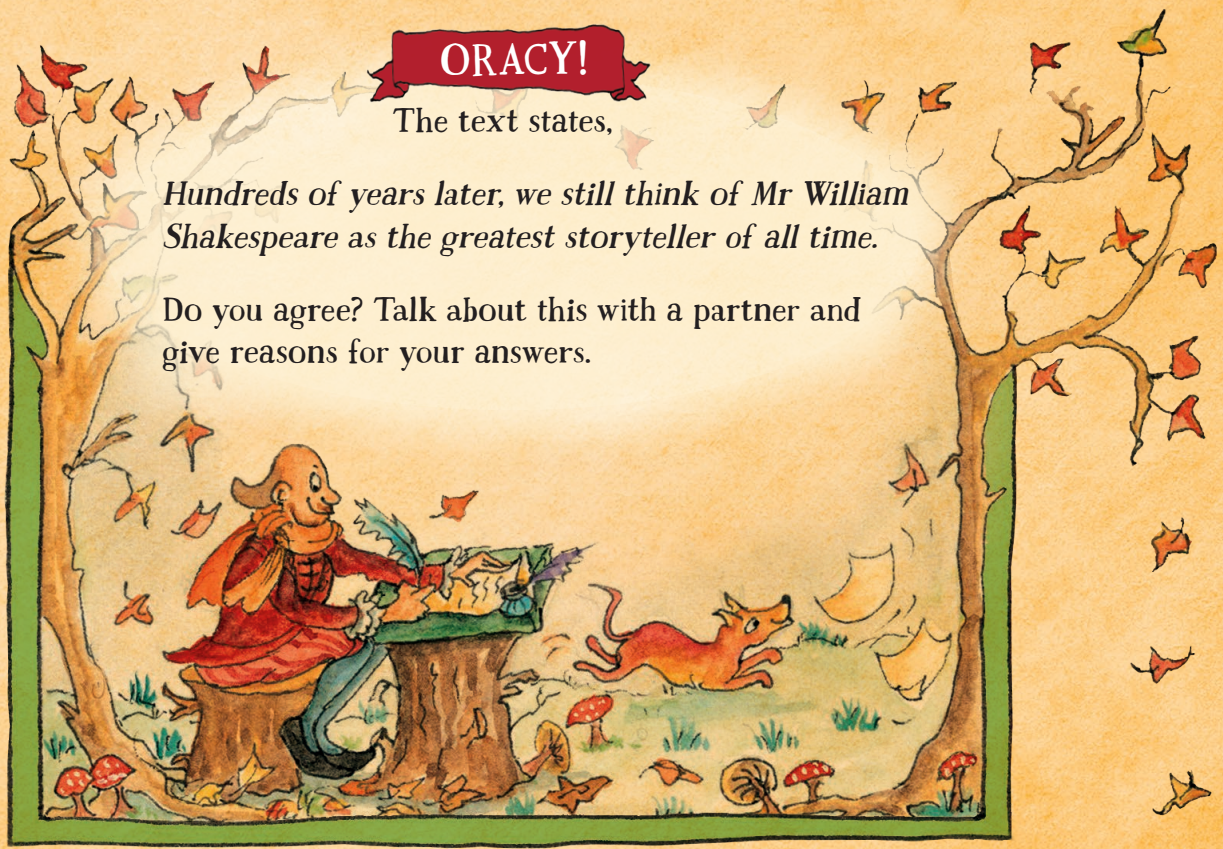
Will bought New Place in Stratford-Upon-Avon.	☐
The Globe Theatre opened.	☐
The First Folio was published.	☐
Will had a disagreement with Giles Allen.	☐
King James became patron of Will's acting company.	☐

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The text states,

Hundreds of years later, we still think of Mr William Shakespeare as the greatest storyteller of all time.

Do you agree? Talk about this with a partner and give reasons for your answers.



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