

■ 16. Literature and London

Part 3, Unit 1, Step 8

Before watching

1 How much do you know about these writers? Use the names in the box to complete the sentences below.

Oscar Wilde • George Bernard Shaw • Virginia Wolf • William Shakespeare • JK Rowling • Charles Dickens

1. wrote about urban poverty in Victorian England.
2.'s initials stand for Joanne Kathleen.
3. wrote *Mrs. Dalloway* in 1925 and *To the Lighthouse* in 1927.
4. was especially admired by Queen Victoria.
5. was put in prison for being a homosexual.
6. had the idea for a popular series of books while travelling on a train.
7. was born in Dublin in 1856.
8. wrote the play *The Importance of Being Earnest*.
9. was originally a novelist and then started writing plays for the stage.
10. was also known as "The Bard".

2 Video vocabulary. Match the word with the definition on the right.

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| 1. compete | <input type="checkbox"/> a. a place with a special stone to commemorate a dead person |
| 2. tomb | <input type="checkbox"/> b. part of a theatre play, there are usually two or three |
| 3. railway | <input type="checkbox"/> c. place where something specific takes place |
| 4. earthquake | <input type="checkbox"/> d. from distant countries |
| 5. act | <input type="checkbox"/> e. take part in a competition |
| 6. poet | <input type="checkbox"/> f. a person who writes poems |

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| 7. contemporary | <input type="checkbox"/> g. a woman from a noble family |
| 8. exotic | <input type="checkbox"/> h. a train system |
| 9. street entertainer | <input type="checkbox"/> i. a synonym of "products" |
| 10. scene | <input type="checkbox"/> j. a violent movement of the earth |
| 11. duchess | <input type="checkbox"/> k. modern, up-to-date |
| 12. goods | <input type="checkbox"/> l. somebody who does funny or strange things in the street |

While watching

3 Number the people/places in the order you see them in the video.

- Charles Dickens
- Parliament Square
- King's Cross
- Covent Garden
- The Globe Theatre
- Westminster Abbey
- Camden
- Borough Market
- Virginia Wolf
- Bedford Square
- John Keats
- Oscar Wilde

4 Watch the video again and decide if the statements are True (T) or False (F).

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| 1. The flags and exhibits are permanently in Parliament Square. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Many famous people are buried in Westminster Abbey. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Charles Dickens is buried in Poet's Corner in the Abbey. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Dickens was strongly in favour of building new railways. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. Dickens lived outside London. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6. Borough Market is an antiques market. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7. Keats lived in Southwark all his life. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8. Oscar Wilde lived in Chelsea. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 9. The Bloomsbury Group was a group of actors. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 10. Pygmalion is a play about a Covent Garden actress. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 11. Harry Potter leaves for Hogwarts from Platform 8 3/4 at King's Cross. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

12. The Globe Theatre is on the North Bank of the Thames.
13. The current building is a re-make of the original one.
14. Shakespeare was involved in creating the original Globe Theatre.

After watching

- 5 Choose a writer you like and research some facts about him/her, for example birthplace, childhood, studies, most popular/famous book and an interesting fact about the person. Write a few**

paragraphs about your chosen writer and illustrate the work with some pictures if possible. Put your work on the wall and check other people's contributions.

- 6 With a partner, research ones of the writers in the video that you do not know too well, using Internet resources such as Wikipedia. Prepare five questions for another pair of classmates, indicating where they can find the information, then exchange questions and answer their questions.**