You have been selected to take a closer look at Shakespeare’s Life in London. From 1585 until 1592, very little is known about Shakespeare. These are generally referred to as 'The Lost Years'. But by 1592 we know that he was in London.

Topics to think about when researching Shakespeare’s London are:

- Where did Shakespeare live during his time in London?
- What was the population of London at this time?
- Shakespeare worked in the theatre during his time in London. How did other Londoners make their living during this time?
- What was life like for the people who lived in London? What challenges did they face?
- Research some of the important buildings of this time. Are there any buildings still in existence today?
- Discuss the importance of the River Thames to the city of London during Shakespeare’s time.

Concluding Question (Think about this question and use the knowledge gained from your research to compose an answer)

Why was it important for Shakespeare to leave Stratford and move to London? Give reasons for your answer.