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Tom's family was curious to see the reconstructed building of Shakespeare's Globe Theatre in the borough of Southwark.

They walked to the south bank of the Thames across the Millennium Bridge. Next to the former Bankside Power Station, which houses the Tate

Modern, Britain's premier collection of modern art, the replica of the most famous renaissance theatre was well worth a visit.

The Original Globe Theatre



www.bardweb.net/globe.html
www.rdg.ac.uk/globe/
<http://search.eb.com/shakespeare/esa/660005.html>
<http://absoluteshakespeare.com/trivia/globe/globe.htm>



- 1 When and where was the original Globe Theatre built? What was it constructed of? Where did the building material come from?
- 2 What were the other major theatres in the area at the end of the 16th century? Which one of them was visited by a Dutch student, Johannes de Witt, in 1596? His drawing of the theatre interior was copied by his friend, Arend van Buchell. Why is this sketch so important in theatrical history?
- 3 Who were the Lord Chamberlain's Men? Who was Richard Burbage?
- 4 What shape was the Globe Theatre? What were its main measurements? What is a reliable estimate of its total audience capacity?

- 5 What did the interior of the theatre look like? What parts did it consist of?
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- 6 "Totus mundus agit histrionem." Where were these Latin words inscribed in the theatre building? What does the phrase mean in English? Where is it familiar from?
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- 7 When and how did the original Globe Theatre burn to the ground? How long did it take to rebuild it? When was the second Globe closed by the Puritans?
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www.rdg.ac.uk/globe/siteinfo/Facttime.htm

- 8 Whose idea was it to recreate Shakespeare's Globe Theatre in Southwark? How did he manage to raise funds for his plan?
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- 9 How did Southwark Council contribute to the success of the project?
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- 10 Who was the architect of the new Globe? What preceded the actual start of the construction?
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- 11 What was the first performance in the partially-completed Globe in 1993?
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- 12 What was special about building the walls and the roof of the building?
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- 13 When was the Opening Season launched in the nearly-completed Globe? Which plays by Shakespeare were included in it?
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- 14 When was the reconstructed Globe Theatre officially opened by HM the Queen and HRH the Prince Philip?
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