

# The Guided Tour at the Globe

In guided tours for example in museums we have to concentrate very much, because we normally have to listen for more than an hour to the tour guide while standing the whole time. G2D went on a guided tour at the Globe on Friday the 28.4. at 9.00 a.m. It was a thrilling tour and our tour guide invited us to take a trip back into Shakespeare's time.

## What did we learn in general?

At 9.00 we had the meeting point before the entrance of the Shakespeare's Globe Theatre. A young lady with tied up hair came to us and presented herself as our tour guide. The whole class was interested and wanted to know more about the theatre and its history. The Tour guide compared many things with Shakespeare's time and today. A day before we had watched the play Romeo and Juliet in the Globe, but on Friday we saw more details at the Theatre. We know why things were how they were. For example why the seats on the side seemed to be the best one apart from the fact that the view was worse. Watching the play in the Theatre was also an experience because we were standing for two hours and not everything was covered with the roof when it was raining.

## How much did the tickets cost?

For us, the tickets for watching a play at the Globe were cheaper than we thought. But in Shakespeare's time the tickets were of course cheaper than they are today. The interesting thing was, that in the past the most expensive tickets were the seats with the worse seat, in contrast to today, where it is exactly the other way round. Our tour guide explained us that this was, because on these seats the rich people were better seen by the other people.

## For how many years does the Globe already stand?

What we learnt about the current Globe was, that it is already the third Globe in its history. The first Globe was built in Shakespeare's time and it stood for 14 years. The second Globe stood for 30 years. People started to rebuild the current Globe in 1997 and it was finished 20 years later.

## To whom did we have to thank that the Globe is still/again standing?

The most important man was Sam Wanamaker. He decided to rebuild the Globe after the second Globe had been destroyed. Mostly because of him we could visit the Globe today, but also other people donated each 300 pounds for the rebuilding of the Globe.

The visit of the Globe is definitely worth a journey. So if you want to know more about it, visit the Globe in London!

