

Unit 7

GOING BACK IN TIME

- In this unit:**
- ✓ We read about William Shakespeare
 - ✓ We write about a famous person
 - ✓ We listen to people talking about two famous theatres
 - ✓ We speak about Alexander the Great

Changes: from the past to the present.



1. Experiences



2. Daily Life

THE PAST

3. Historical Events



4. Changes



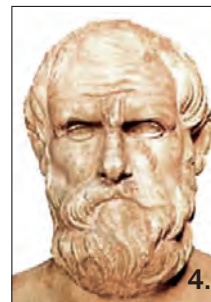
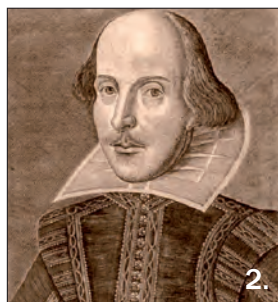
Lesson 1

FAMOUS PEOPLE OF THE PAST

A LEAD-IN: FAMOUS THEATRES & PLAYWRIGHTS ►►

Nadine is doing some research on the theatre. She downloaded some photos but forgot who/what they were. Can you help her and match the names to the photos?

a. Aristophanes, b. Epidavros Ancient Theatre, c. The Globe Theatre, d. William Shakespeare



B READING: ALL ABOUT SHAKESPEARE



Nadine is studying about William Shakespeare. She has some information about him, but she isn't sure. She writes to Mark and asks for help.

Mark,

Help! I must present something about Shakespeare but I don't know anything about him.

Thanks, Nadine

Mark sends Nadine this information.

We don't know a lot about Shakespeare but we do know the following.

- He was born in 1564 in Stratford-upon-Avon, about 150 km north west of London. He died in 1616, aged 52.
- He wrote 37 plays, one every 18 months. He wrote his first play when he was 25.
- He worked as an actor. Many times he acted in his own plays.
- He had his own theatre, The Globe in London.



Learning strategies

TO BE BETTER AT READING

- ☐ I read with a clear aim in mind
- ☐ I imagine what is coming next
- ☐ I get a good understanding of the detail

- Shakespeare wrote Comedies, Histories and Tragedies. His most famous plays are: *Hamlet*, *Romeo and Juliet* and *The Merchant of Venice*.
- There are over 60 films based on his plays.

Go to the Appendix, page 145, Activity A, for extra work and an explanation of "To be or not to be".

Preparing her presentation

Write some sentences for Nadine to help her with the presentation. Use the topics listed.

Topics	Statements
Place of Birth	Shakespeare was born in Stratford-upon-Avon
Date of Birth	He was born in 1564.
Plays	
How long to write a play	
Theatre	
Famous plays	

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TWO FAMOUS THEATRES



Listen and fill in the missing information about the Globe Theatre.

The Globe Theatre we see in London today is a copy of Shakespeare's theatre. Mark goes to the Globe Theatre. He listens to a guide who gives more information about this theatre.



	Epidaurus	The Globe Theatre
Location	Epidaurus, Argolida	Southwark, London
Date built	360 BC	1599
Seats	14,000	
Rows	55	
Open or closed	Open	
Shape	Semi-circular	Circular
Made out of	Stone	
Acoustics	Excellent	
Women's roles	Played by men with masks	Played by young men

Kostas finds out Mark and Nadine are talking about theatres. There are many beautiful ancient theatres in Greece. He adds information in the same chart about the most famous ancient theatre in Greece, the Theatre of Epidaurus.

Do you remember the comparatives you studied in Unit 6? Write 3 sentences comparing and contrasting the 2 theatres.

e.g. *Epidaurus is much older than The Globe.*

1.
2.
3.

Simple Past Tense (Affirmative)

Study the following sentences to learn how we can talk about people of the past.

El Greco (Doménikos Theotokópoulos)

El Greco **was born** in Hania, Crete in 1541. At that time Crete **was** part of the Republic of Venice.

As a young man he **studied** Byzantine icon painting in Hania. He **moved** to Venice in 1567 where he continued to study painting. In 1570 he **went** to Rome. He **lived** and **worked** in Rome until 1577.

In 1577 he **moved** to Spain in Toledo, near Madrid where he **lived** and **worked** until the end of his life. He **died** in 1614 at the age of 73.

El Greco **had** a very individual style. His paintings show both Byzantine and Italian styles. They also show strong Catholic religious elements from Spain.

He is one of the most famous painters of the 16th century. His paintings **influenced** many famous artists after him, for example Picasso and Cézanne.

In honour of El Greco, Nikos Kazantzakis **called** his autobiography "A Tribute to Greco".

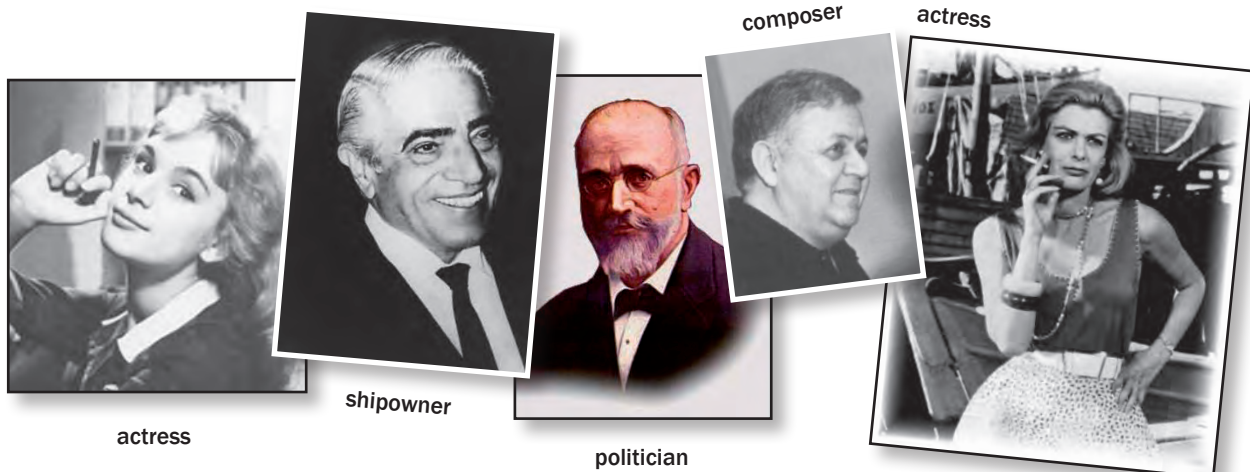


	Present	Past
Most regular verbs	work	worked
	call	called
	show	showed
Verbs ending in "e"	live	lived
	move	moved
	die	died
Verbs ending in consonant +y	study	studied
Verbs ending in one stressed vowel	shop	shopped
+ one consonant (except w and y).	stop	stopped
	plan	planned
	refer	referred

D MORE FAMOUS PEOPLE FROM THE PAST



Work in groups. One pupil, the game leader, chooses a famous person. The rest of the group make statements and must find out who the person is. For each correct statement the game leader says yes and for each wrong statement he/she says no.
E.g. (for Onassis): "He was a famous shipowner"; "Yes".



E SPEAKING: PREPARE A PRESENTATION

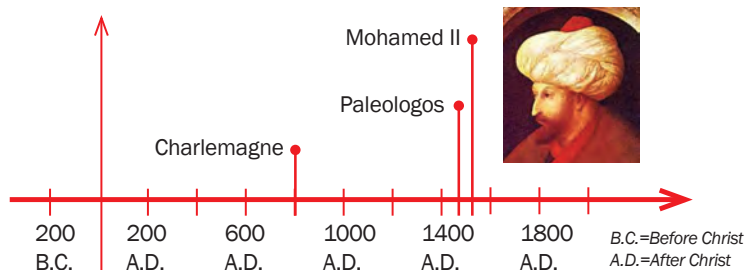


In small groups choose one of the following famous leaders and prepare a presentation about them:

1. Charlemagne (747-814)
2. Konstantinos Paleologos (1404-1453)
3. Mohamed II (1432-1481)

Use the following guidelines.

- How did he become famous?
- What did he do during that period?
- What was life like in that period?



- From the Internet find and print out an image of the person.
- During the presentation other pupils should keep notes. Then ask each other questions and discuss.

