

Worksheet | Heritage is GREAT**Reading texts****Text 1**

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II was the world's longest serving Queen, celebrating her Diamond Jubilee in 2012.

Between the 2nd and 5th June 2012 there were many events celebrating this. People all over the country got together with their neighbours to have street parties in their local area.

The biggest celebrations were in London, where there was a big concert at Buckingham Palace, a flotilla of over 1000 boats on the Thames as well as a special service in St Paul's Cathedral. She died in 2022 at the age of 96.

Text 2

Britain is home to three of the top five museums and galleries in the world; these can all be found in London.

The British Museum has been open since 1759 and has a collection of artefacts from all over the world. Some of its most famous exhibits are the mummies, and Rosetta Stone from Egypt, as well as sculptures from the Parthenon in Athens.

The Tate Modern is a museum of modern art located in an ex-power station by the River Thames in London. The collection includes exhibits from Picasso, Warhol, Monet and many more.

The National Gallery is in Trafalgar Square and has an enormous collection of paintings dating from 1300.

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Britain is home to eight Heritage Cities and 14 Roman walled cities. Edinburgh city centre is a UNESCO heritage site and is home to the Edinburgh Festival.

Edinburgh Castle was first built in the 12th century and is open to visitors all year round. There are also many other attractions in the Old Town including underground tours of the medieval streets, buried under today's Edinburgh. Visitors can also visit St Giles Cathedral (dating from 1120), to see one of the most historically important churches in Scotland.

Text 4

From Buckingham Palace and the Tower of London to the Castles of Cardiff, Cawdor, Edinburgh and Windsor, Britain boasts some of the finest historic buildings in the world.

Visitors can see some of the finely decorated State Rooms of Buckingham Palace, between and July and September. Also in London, the Tower of London can be visited all year round. Visitors to the Tower can see William the Conqueror's original White Tower (built 1073-1100) or marvel at the spectacular Crown Jewels.

In Wales, Cardiff Castle, originally founded by the Romans, contains buildings from the Norman Castle built in 1091, as well as the Victorian mansion from the 19th Century. Shakespeare lovers will be fascinated by Cawdor Castle, in the Scottish Highlands, which is associated with Macbeth, Shakespeare's famous play.

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Shakespeare may have died nearly 400 years ago, but his work has just found a new home in two newly opened state-of-the-art theatres in Stratford-upon-Avon, while London has rebuilt the Globe Theatre, where many of his plays were first performed.

The Royal Shakespeare Theatre in Stratford-Upon-Avon was re-opened in 2010 after major renovation. The Theatre is designed to be similar to theatres in the time of Shakespeare. In 2012 it will host the World Shakespeare Festival, which runs from April to November and features performers from all around the world.

The Globe theatre in London is a reconstruction of Shakespeare's original theatre beside the Thames. Here visitors can see plays almost exactly as they were staged in Shakespeare's time.

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