**«William Shakespeare – The Immortal poet of nature”**

**Plan.**

1. **Indroduction**: Good morning everybody. The meeting of our club is dedicated to the greatest playwright in the world literature: William Shakespeare. I hope that all of you will take an active part in it. We’ll speak about Shakespeare’s biography, watch some extracts from his plays, listen to his sonnets and so on. But at first I want you to listen to some facts from his biography. Some students have prepared the presentation about William Shakespeare’s life. Now let’s watch.
2. **Presentation.**
3. **“Agree” or “Disagree”.** You have watched and listened to some facts from William Shakespeare’s biography. And now I want you to agree or to disagree with me.
4. **“Tragedies and comedies.”** Thank you for your answers. I see that you know Shakespeare’s life rather well. As you know, in London Shakespeare became an actor of the Globe Theatre and began to write plays for it. He wrote tragedies, comedies and historical plays. I’m sure that you know them well. So your next task is to divide his plays into tragedies and comedies. (Each group receives 14 cards where the name of Shakespeare’s plays are written. The cards are mixed.
5. **“Hamlet**” Listen to this account from one of the Shakespeare’s plays and say what play it is from.

(From “Hamlet, Prince of Denmark”) You are right. His name was Hamlet. And now two students read us his famous monologue “To be or not to be”.

1. **Quotations.** “To be or not to be; that is the question”. This quotation is known to everybody, but there are a lot of other famous quotations and interesting expressions from Shakespeare’s plays. Translate some of them.
2. **Tha seven ages of a man.** “All the world is a stage, and all the men and women merely players”. Do you know who said this famous speech? (These words are from a famous speech, known as the seven ages of a man, by a character called Jaques.) Well, these words are really from the Shakespeare’s comedy “As you like it” Now I want you to watch and listen to this famous monologue and then we’ll discuss it. Now you have watched and listened to the monologue of Jaques and I think you can name the seven ages of a man. What are they?
3. **Crossword.** Now let’s play a little. Fill in the missing letters in the names of Shakespeare’s heroes and you will read vertically the name of a legendary hero.
4. **Orpheus.** Do you know who Orpheus was? He was a Greece musician. (From the historical play “Henry VIII”) Listen to the song “Orpheus” written by Shakespeare. Now the student will read us this song in Russian.
5. **“King Lear”.** Well, we have said that Shakespeare wrote many historical plays, but one of his play is not really historical but it is also about the times of the kings and queens of Great Britain. Now the student will tell us the analysis of this play and you will guess what play is meant. With other major characters in the play is a brave Fool, whose monologues are very philosophic and true to life. Now I want you to watch and listen to one of his monologues. Now, put the missing words in the appropriate place and then we’ll read the monologue of the Fool once more.
6. **Sonnets.** Shakespeare wrote many sonnets. They are popular and loved by our people. All of them were translated into different languages. Now, let’s listen to some of them. (The students recite sonnets by Shakespeare)
7. **Romeo and Juliet.** We’ve listened to some of the sonnets and all of them were about what? Well – about Love! And what is the most famous play about Love of William Shakespeare do you know? (“Romeo and Juliet”). Is it a tragedy or a comedy? It’s a tragedy. What is a tragedy? A tragedy is a play that ends badly and the main heroes usually die. Well, “Romeo and Juliet” is also a tragedy and the main heroes also die because of the foolish enmity of two families Montague and Capulet. Now I want you to watch the extract from the film “Romeo and Juliet”. It is exactly an extract where the enmity of 2 families was born. Now, let’s watch the scene. (Two students play the scene on the balcony)
8. **Test yourself.**
9. **“Othello”.** One the question in the test was: Who was the most jealous person in Shakespeare’s plays? What have you answered? Well, of course it was Othello who even killed his wife Desdemona because of the foolish jealousy. Now, let’s watch this extract.
10. **Conclusion.** So, what can we say about what we’ve learnt and watched and listened to? (About the role of Shakespeare in the world literature)
11. **Reflection.** So, the meeting of our club comes to the end. And I want you to tell me: What was useful for you today? We have got acquainted with the creation of the greatest playwright in the world William Shakespeare. We’ve listened to his sonnets. We’ve watched the films by his plays. We’ve trained our English. We’ve got acquainted with the English culture and literature. I’ve listened to the English Middle-aged song “Long Green Slaves” .Well, the meeting of our club is over. Good bye!