

Read Chapter 3 of Virginia Woolf's *A Room of One's Own* (from "Be that as it may, I could not help thinking" to "his extraordinarily gifted sister, let us suppose, remained at home").

1. Paraphrase Woolf's claim beginning with "It would have been impossible" (p. 48). What words does Woolf use in this sentence to emphasize her claim?
2. Reread the sentence that begins with "Let me imagine, since the facts are so hard to come by" (p. 48). What will Woolf imagine in this essay? Why does she need to imagine it?
3. What "escapade" sent Shakespeare "to seek his fortune in London" (p. 48)?
4. What is your understanding of the meaning of the word *escapade* (p. 48) from this sentence?
5. What experiences did Shakespeare have in London?
6. What word choices does Woolf make to describe Shakespeare's lifestyle? What overall impression does this convey?

7. How does Woolf immediately contrast the experience of Shakespeare's sister with the experience of Shakespeare?

8. What central idea does Woolf introduce through the contrast between Shakespeare and his sister?