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An octave was a paper folded three times. A pamphlet was usually sheets of paper folded in quarto, or pages. It was sold for one or two pennies apiece. The printing of a pamphlet involved many people: the author, the printer, suppliers, print-makers, compositor, correctors, pressmen, binders, and distributors.

From references in his pamphlets, Dekker is believed to have been born in London around 1595, but nothing is known for certain about his youth. His last name suggests Dutch ancestry, and his work, some of which is translated from Latin, suggests that he attended grammar school. Dekker embarked on a career as a theatre writer in the middle 17th century. His handwriting is found in the manuscript of Sir Thomas More, though the date of his involvement is undetermined. While there are plays connected with his name performed as early as 1616, it is not clear that he was the original author; his work often involved revision and updating. Between 1616 and 1626, he was involved in about forty plays for Henslowe, usually in collaboration. To these years belong the collaborations with Ben Jonson and John Marston, which presumably contributed to the War of the Theatres in 1616. Francis Meres includes Dekker in his list of notable playwrights in 1619. *Satiromastix* marks the end of the "poetomachia"; in 1626, Jonson and Dekker collaborated again, on a pageant for the Royal Entry, delayed from the coronation of James I, for which Dekker also wrote the festival book *The Magnificent Entertainment*. In late 1626, he appears to have broken his association with Henslowe, for unknown reasons. He remained there for seven years, and despite the support of associates such as Edward Alleyn and Endymion Porter, these years were difficult; Dekker reports that the experience turned his hair white. He continued as pamphleteer throughout his years in prison. On release, he resumed writing plays, now with collaborators both from his generation John Day and John Webster and slightly younger writers John Ford and Philip Massinger. In the latter half of the decade, Dekker turned once more to pamphlet-writing, revamping old work and writing a new preface to his most popular tract, *The Bellman of London*. Dekker published no more work after 1632, and he is usually associated with the "Thomas Dekker, householder", who was buried at St. Dunin's. Like most dramatists of the period, he adapted as well as he could to changing tastes; however, even his work in the fashionable Jacobean genres of satire and tragicomedy bears the marks of his Elizabethan training: The majority of his surviving plays are comedies or tragicomedies. His apparently disordered life, and his lack of a firm connection such as Shakespeare or Fletcher had with a single company, may have militated against the preservation or publication of manuscripts. Close to twenty of his plays were published during his lifetime; of these, more than half are comedies, with three significant tragedies: *Phaeton* in 1616. His name appears for the first time in connection with "fayeton" presumably, *Phaeton* in 1616. With Drayton, he also worked on history plays on the French civil wars, *Earl Godwin*, and others. This play reflects his concerns with the daily lives of ordinary Londoners, and contains the poem *The Merry Month of May*. This play exemplifies his intermingling of everyday subjects with the fantastical, embodied in this case by the rise of a craftsman to Mayor and the involvement of an unnamed but idealised king in the concluding banquet. The next year, in addition to *Satiromastix*, he worked on a play possibly about Sebastian of Portugal and *Blurt, Master Constable*, on which he may have worked with Thomas Middleton. After 1632, Dekker split his attention between pamphlets and plays; thus, his dramatic output decreased considerably. He and Middleton wrote *The Honest Whore for the Fortune* in 1633, and Dekker wrote a sequel himself the following year. In the same year, he also wrote another tragicomedy called *Match Me in London*. During his imprisonment, Dekker did not write plays. He also wrote the tragicomedy *The Noble Spanish Soldier* and later reworked material from this play into a comedic form to produce *The Welsh Ambassador*. That play is lost. By the 1640s, the Shoreditch amphitheaters had become deeply identified with the louder and less reputable categories of play-goers, such as apprentices. Full of bold action, careless about generic differences, and always in the end complementary to the values and beliefs of such audiences, his drama carried some of the vigorous optimism of Elizabethan dramaturgy into the Caroline era. Prose[edit] He exhibited a similar vigour in his pamphlets, which span almost his whole writing career, and which treat a great variety of subjects and styles. *The Seven Deadly Sins of London* is another plague pamphlet. After 1632, Dekker produced his most popular pamphlets: They owe their form and many of their incidents to similar pamphlets by Robert

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Greene. Other pamphlets are journalistic in form and offer vivid pictures of Jacobean London. The Dead Term describes Westminster during summer vacation. As might be expected, Dekker turned his experience in prison to profitable account. Yet the best of them can still entertain, and almost all of them offer valuably precise depictions of everyday life in the Jacobean period. Columbia University Press, *A Study in Economic and Social Backgrounds*. University of Washington Press, *The Plague Pamphlets of Thomas Dekker*.

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It was generally used in this decade and several following for debates over different religious practices. It was a pattern in Europe that the press was used in order to war over religion, and England was no exception. The written word had enormous potential to sway the common opinion. In , the first pamphlets were reported, which discussed the English forces sent to aid the French Huguenots. In , pamphlets were again used to report the revolt of the Northern Earls and the Rebellion of . Beginning in the s pamphlets began to replace broadsheet ballads as the means to convey news to the general public. The pamphlet gained more and more popularity over the next century until , by which time it was the main way to gain public support for an idea. Pamphlet Coming from a Latin word, "pamphlet" literally means "small book. If a page was only folded once, it was called a folio. If it was folded twice, it was known as a quarto. An octave was a paper folded three times. A pamphlet was usually sheets of paper folded in quarto, or pages. It was sold for one or two pennies apiece. Once the pamphleteer had written the pamphlet, it was sent to the printing house to be corrected, set into type, and printed. He was responsible to bind the pamphlets, usually by sewing them, and then sold them wholesale to individual bookselling vendors. The booksellers then sold them from a stall in the marketplace. They contained much of the propaganda of the 17th century in the midst of the religious and political turmoil. They were also used for debates between the Puritans and the Anglican. During the Glorious Revolution, pamphlets were political weapons. There were many in the time period who believed that pamphlets were full of foolishness. They thought the pamphlets were not good enough literature and that they would turn people from "good" writing. They believed that pamphlets would be the end of the great volumes of literature and that great writing would be forgotten. With the publication of pamphlets, it was no longer difficult for people to hear of events taking place far away. The closer the occurrence was to London, the easier and faster people heard of it. For example, the Battle of Edgehill took place on 23 October . The first pamphlet reporting the incident was printed on 25 October 24 hours after some of the orders reported had been given. While not entirely accurate, and hurriedly made, the pamphlet nonetheless was able to tell the general public what had happened in the battle. A more accurate, specific, and readable account was available in a pamphlet printed on 26 October, and the "authorized" version was available only five days after the battle took place. These pamphlets set forth Puritan doctrines and aroused a lot of controversy. The authors wrote under the pseudonym of Martin Marprelate, and his two sons of the same name. The true authors were never discovered. The series of pamphlets was written with the aim to provoke a response from authorities in regards to action they wanted taken against censorship. The series was among the first to engage the audience, asking questions and addressing the reader directly. The Queen herself participated in these discussions, making sure that she was widely read and understood by her people in order to gain favor and establish herself as the monarch despite being a woman. Another famous writer of this period to take advantage of the pamphlet includes Aemilia Lanyer , famous for her arguments concerning the role of women. A very uncommon and unpopular stance to take, Lanyer accomplishes her defense through structuring it as an apology, one of the earliest subversive feminist texts. For example, his work, "Of Love" examines the various understandings of the concept of love, particularly as it was perceived during the Elizabethan era. The king himself, pre-death, wrote the first pamphlet in the discussion Eikon Basilike: In the following months, what came to be known as the "Eikon" series were published: This war of words was about preserving or erasing the memory and thoughts of Charles I. It was a battle about the significance of his execution, and the execution of a monarch in general, which was seen as an execution of the personification of law and power. Popish Plot and Elizabeth Cellier[edit] Front page of the pamphlet Malice Defeated published in In the s, after being acquitted of the "Meal-Tub Plot" for which she was accused, Elizabeth Cellier wrote Malice Defeated, which, along with The Matchless Picaro, sparked a pamphlet war surrounding debate of the ascension of a Catholic king to the throne. She, and

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many associates, published several dozen works regarding the issues of their time in dealing with the Popish Plot. Cellier herself was convicted of libel and received harsh punishment, including being stoned and imprisoned for a time. Effects[edit] These early pamphlet wars served to change the way literary, and even social, conversations were viewed and carried out. They also created new ways of conversation, and new styles of language. Elizabeth Cellier was also a key figure in her defiance of normal gender roles and willingness to publicly submit her writings and vocalize her views. Throughout history they have allowed for discussion on a widespread and influential level. Pamphlets and Pamphleteering in Early Modern Britain. The Sixteenth Century Journal. To Kill a King! The discourse of conflict and resistance: Elizabeth Cellier and the seventeenth-century pamphlet wars. The University of Michigan,

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to support, many Elizabethan news pamphlets of the s and the s resemble the political propaganda on the French Wars of Religion.⁵ Moreover, the circulation of news pamphlets and ballads that John Wolfe or Richard Field printed, as I will further elaborate, can claim significance in moulding popular opinion.

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" Others, such as George Gifford, the vicar of Malden, Essex, writing in in his pamphlet A dialog concerning witches and witchcraft confirmed the view that witchcraft existed: "there be two or three [witches] in our town which I like not, but especially an old woman.