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The following video starts using a famous quote, can you guess its author?

"some are born great, some achieve greatness and others have greatness thrust upon them"



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From the information we've just got, now it's time to think of the title of the video. Some of the words in here are picked up from it. Check them and try to guess the tile so to complete the box.

speculate	pseudonym	historical	biographical
	linguistics	forgery	

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We're ready to watch the video! After, we will complete the following listening comprehension activities:

- Did syntax helped to test the authenticity of his lines?      ✓      ✗
- Does linguistics examine the way we speak and write?      ✓      ✗

- Who formalized stylometry? -----
- What does stylometry deal with? -----
- Which is the play in which two authors, one of them was C. Marlowe, collaborated? -----
- Which three things does stylometry consider to be important so to analyze a piece of work?
  - a) linguistics, syntax and semantics
  - b) sentence length, arrangement of words and occurrences of a particular word
  - c) none of the above

Finally, the video mentions some other important authors and relevant people. Read the following extracts and match them:

Francis Bacon

Lord Oxford

Christopher Marlowe

Mary S. Herbert

a) He was an Elizabethan poet and Shakespeare's most important predecessor in English drama, who is noted especially for his establishment of dramatic blank verse.

b) He was an English philosopher and statesman, and a pioneer of modern scientific thought. He published his ideas, initially in 'Novum Organum' (1620), an account of the correct method of acquiring natural knowledge.

c) She was one of the first English women to achieve a major reputation for her poetry and literary patronage. Also, she had a chemistry laboratory at Wilton House, where she developed medicines and invisible ink.

d) He joined Her Majesty's Diplomatic Service. As well as postings in London at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and the Cabinet Office, he served as First Secretary at the British Embassy in Moscow and Counsellor at the British Embassy in Kiev from 1992-1997.

Post-task! Write a short paragraph about your favorite book:

