When preparing for the tea party you should do the following

1. Know some information about your author and his/her life.
2. Know key events of the time that influenced his/her writing and why.
3. Know the connections you made in your research paper
    a. Between the author and the text
    b. Between the text and the era it was written in
    c. Between the text and the present
    d. Between the text and/or poet
4. Some questions Her Majesty may ask might be
    a. Asking you to introduce yourself
    b. Asking what kind of literature you write/publish
    c. What your major works include
    d. What you like to write about
    e. Why you write about those topics/themes/subjects
    f. She may ask you specific questions about one of your texts (ones you researched)
    g. She may want to know how your text might be influential in the future and why (use connections of text and present to provide "insight"
    h. What kind of people might be able to relate to it in the future and why (use connections of text and/or poet and you to provide "insight")
    i. She may ask you a question challenging a view you present in one of your texts, be prepared to "***respectfully"*** defend it. (you are speaking to the queen, she will respect your views but you should remember proper protocol when addressing her Majesty)
5. Be prepared to be in character for the duration of the party
    a. This means
        i. You should make attempt to speak properly (no slang today)
        ii. You should present yourself as an esteemed writer, worth being respected in your posture, body language, and speech.

6. Extra credit will be given if you come dressed as your character. You can find examples of clothing on the internet simply by typing in your time period in a Google search and viewing images. Movies that are place in your time period will have an accurate depiction of your style dress. ((as with all extra credit, you may chose what you want to apply it to.))

You are not required to spend money

Use what you already have. Credit will be given for effort as long as it appears that you put effort into it.

For example:

For Halloween one year I dressed up as Paul Revere

- I wore white stockings and baggy sweatpants with elastic at the ankle – pushed the elastic up above my knee = knickers with tights.
- I used a vest that I borrowed from a friend of mine and wore a white collared shirt under it and safety pinned a doilies at the top button and around my wrists = the frilly shirts if the time period.
- I tied my hair back in a low pony tail with a thin black ribbon to emulate the hair style worn by men in that time.
-

I spent ZERO dollars on my costume. So it is possible.

- Ask family members or friends to borrow things…
- If you feel you want to spend money - thrift stores are excellent places to find cheap clothes that could be used for this.
- If you find you are having difficulties, see me and I can make suggestions. Try first – I will ask what you have tried.