

1 Do you know this man?



- 1584 He was born in Stratford-upon-Avon in Warwickshire
- 1585 He married Anne Hathaway
- 1586 He had become a well-known playwright and actor in London
- 1588 He began company, The Swan Theatre in Stratford, one of the first great permanent playhouses in the world
- 1597 He bought New Place, a large house in Stratford
- 1599 The Swan Theatre was used for performances by The Swan Theatre's Men
- 1611 He stopped to be buried
- 1616 He died

Using the clues to write 10 plays and several poems.

From the great amount of information given above you will probably have worked out that the man is called a 'William Shakespeare'. Maybe you recognised him from the drawing. If you can read the name 'Shakespeare' and 'read' out that you were being to identify a playwright that he was may well have guessed a word.

Notes

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2 Finding out about Shakespeare

Let's start by the name of a man who lived 400 years ago and how it looks in a world. Can you name anyone else who was alive 400 years ago? Can you give the names of any other playwrights there would not? And what is your answer for name of William Shakespeare's house in people of our the world?

Just repeat the information and be done what you were given in the previous page. This will be easier to remember about the life of Shakespeare. Sometimes only one will bring a name together for them to build up a more detailed picture of his life.

The last two sections for you are those that were recorded in official documents. Therefore:

- we know Shakespeare was born in 1564 because there is a record of the baptism of August, aged 10th April
- we know the date he died because he was mentioned in his will that he died from being a few days before the outbreak of bubonic plague, on April 23rd
- finally, in November 17th, 1582 in the register of the Bishop of Worcester there is a record of a special licence having been issued for the marriage of William Shakespeare and Anne Hathaway.

What happened in the next few years is simply a mystery but Shakespeare's name crops up in a book published in London by Robert Greene. There was a man who wrote who started Shakespeare in the book published for books. He was known, then, but Shakespeare had been born quite well known. Perhaps Greene was jealous of the young writer's success.

In 1594, William Kempe, William Shakespeare and Richard Burbage appeared in the last 'The Swan Theatre' was used for performing plays at the court of Queen Elizabeth I. Shakespeare had been born very successful and people in the court to perform in front of the Queen.

So you can see that's through documents, with us the record of papers that we can piece together information in order to make a picture of what Shakespeare's life had been like for

Therefore, what we do have left us to guess