

1 Do you know this man?



- 1586 He was born in Stratford-upon-Avon in Warwickshire
- 1582 He married Anne Hathaway
- 1585 He had become a well-known playwright and actor in London
- 1584 He began company, The Swan Theatre's first, with one of the first most successful playhouses of his time
- 1587 He brought his first three plays home to Stratford
- 1588 He visited Rome and had his performance by The Swan Theatre's first
- 1571 He started to be blind
- 1574 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 in question is William Shakespeare. Maybe you recognized him from the drawing. If not, you will be sure Shakespeare's face and beard are that you were being to identify a playwright that he was not well-known among a crowd.

Answers

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2 Finding out about Shakespeare

Let's start by the name of a man who lived 400 years ago and his name is so well-known that you never know who who was alive 400 years ago? Can you give the name of any other playwright whose name isn't used as his name today for some of William Shakespeare's names to people of our the world?

Let's begin by the information and the dates which you were given in the previous page. This will be useful to compare about the life of Shakespeare. Sometimes only one of things is given together for them to hold as a more detailed picture of his life.

The last two sentences 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, named 26th April
- we know the date he died as well as the date he was buried as we have had to read from the fact he was buried in the church of Holy Trinity, Stratford, 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 John De Witt. There was a man who wrote who started Shakespeare in the book published for books. He was named, then, but Shakespeare had been born quite well known. Perhaps De Witt was a friend of the young artist's mother.

In 1594, William Kempe, William Shakespeare and Richard Burbage appeared in the last 'Charlton' were paid 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