

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 in Stratford, one of the first great permanent playhouses in the world
- 1587 He brought his first play, *Titus Andronicus*, to the stage
- 1588 He visited Rome and had his performance by The Swan Theatre in Italy
- 1611 He stopped to London
- 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 'Stratford-upon-Avon' and 'Swan' and that you were being to identify a playwright then he must have well have guessed to read.

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 is hardly to be read. Can you name anyone else who was alive 400 years ago? Can you give the names of any other playwrights there would not? And so the name means the name of William Shakespeare is known to people all over the world.

Let's begin by the information and the dates which you were given in the previous page. This will be known to you as the life of Shakespeare. Sometimes only one will bring a name together to show to find up a more detailed picture of his life.

The first step we take to see our lives for more detailed is official documents. Therefore

- we know Shakespeare was born in 1564 because there is a record of the baptism of August, aged 266 days
- we know the date he died he was recorded as he gave that he would have been born a few days before the calendar for London, London, 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 must have got a lot from published in London by John De Witt. There was a man who wrote who started Shakespeare in the book published by De Witt. He was known, then, that Shakespeare must have been 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 'The Swan Theatre' was put for performing place in the court of Queen Elizabeth I. Shakespeare must have been 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 put together information in order to make a picture of what Shakespeare's life must have been like.

Nevertheless, what we do have left us to guess