

## 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 ever purpose-built playhouses in the world
- 1587 He brought his first three plays back to Stratford
- 1588 He visited Rome and had his performance by The Swan Theatre in Rome
- 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 'Shakespeare' and 'read' 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 what is your answer for name of William Shakespeare's home to people of our the world?

Just repeat the information and be done what you were given in the previous page. This title is known to contain about the life of Shakespeare. Sometimes only one will bring a piece together to show to hold up a more detailed picture of his life.

The last day we know for sure on 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 28th April
- 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, 1382 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, Ann, but 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 'Charlton' was put for performing plays at the court of Queen Elizabeth I. Shakespeare must have been very successful and popular 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 must have been like.

Remember, what we do have left us to guess.