

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 working for the Lord Chamberlain's Men, one of the two most successful performing troupes of his time
- 1587 He brought his first three plays to the stage in London
- 1588 The *London Magazine* was first performed by the Lord Chamberlain's Men
- 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 in question is William Shakespeare. Maybe you recognised him from the drawing. If not, you will be sure Shakespeare's face and head are that you were being to identify a playwright that he was not well known going 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 name is so well known you know someone who who was also 400 years ago? Can you give the name of any other playwright whose name isn't used as his name except for those 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 title is known to contain about the life of Shakespeare. Sometimes only one of being a poem together to show to hold 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 28½ days
- we know the date on which he was christened as we know that he would have been born a few days before the custom for baptising, therefore, 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 by De Witt. 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 Lord Chamberlain's men and 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