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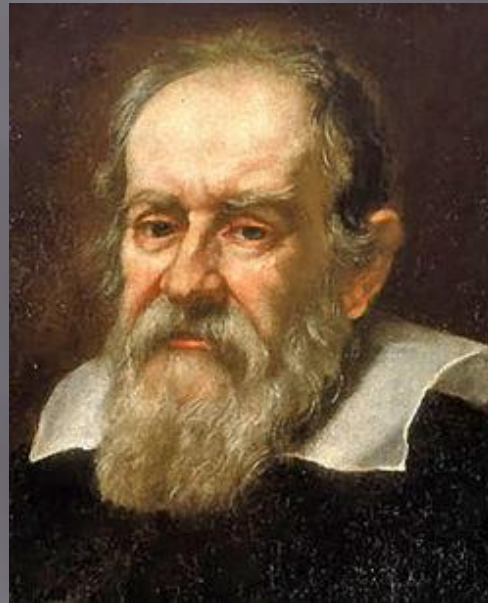
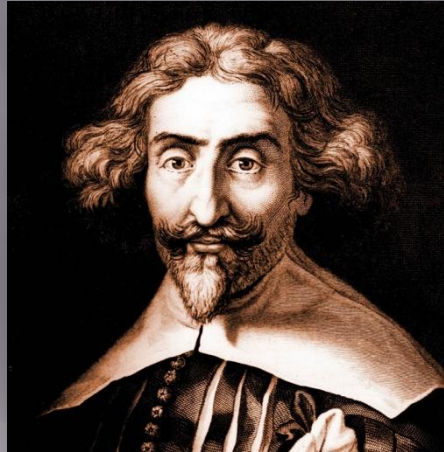
BIRTH AND EARLY LIFE.

IT IS ASSUMED THAT CERVANTES WAS BORN IN ALCALÁ DE HENARES, A CASTILIAN CITY ABOUT 35 KILOMETRES (22 MI) NORTH-EAST FROM MADRID, PROBABLY ON 29 SEPTEMBER (THE FEAST DAY OF SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL) 1547. THE PROBABLE DATE OF HIS BIRTH WAS DETERMINED FROM RECORDS IN THE CHURCH REGISTER, GIVEN THE TRADITION OF NAMING A CHILD AFTER THE FEAST DAY OF HIS BIRTH. HE WAS BAPTIZED IN ALCALÁ DE HENARES ON 9 OCTOBER 1547] AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF SANTA MARÍA LA MAYOR.



FAMILY

HIS SIBLINGS WERE
ANDRÉS (1543),
ANDREA (1544),
LUISA (1546),
RODRIGO (1550),
MAGDALENA (1554)
AND JUAN—KNOWN
SOLELY BECAUSE
HE IS MENTIONED IN
HIS FATHER'S WILL.



LATER LIFE

"THE PEN IS THE LANGUAGE OF THE SOUL; AS THE CONCEPTS THAT IN IT ARE GENERATED, SUCH WILL BE ITS WRITINGS."

– MIGUEL DE CERVANTES AT THE BIBLIOTECA NACIONAL DE ESPAÑA (NATIONAL LIBRARY OF SPAIN).



LITERARY PURSUITS

**MIGUEL DE CERVANTES'S
FAMOUS WORK, DON QUIJOTE,
ILLUSTRATED BY DORÉ
IN ESQUIVIAS, TOLEDO, ON 12
DECEMBER 1584, HE MARRIED
THE MUCH YOUNGER
CATALINA DE SALAZAR Y
PALACIOS (BORN ESQUIVIAS
- D. 31 OCTOBER 1626
DAUGHTER OF FERNANDO DE
SALAZAR Y VOZMEDIANO
AND CATALINA DE PALACIOS.
HER UNCLE ALONSO DE
QUESADA Y SALAZAR IS
SAID TO HAVE INSPIRED THE
CHARACTER OF DON
QUIXOTE]**



**WHAT YEAR WAS
MIGUEL BORN?**

1547

1548

1549