

# William Shakespeare

*(1564 – 1616)*

# Date of Birth

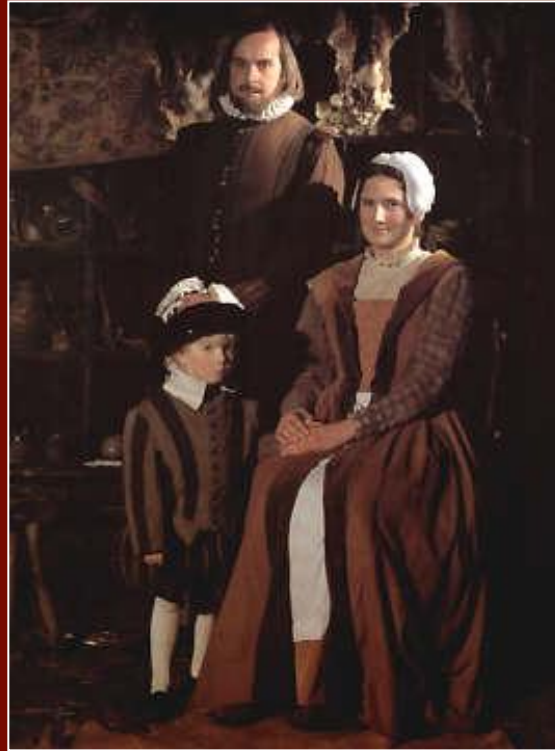
**W. Shakespeare**, the greatest and most famous English **writer** and **playwright** was born on the **23<sup>rd</sup> of April, 1564**, in a small English town **Stratford-on-Avon** in a family of a glove-maker.



# William with his father



# Shakespeare's family



# “Shakespeare’s house”



# Childhood



At the age of 6 to 13 he studied **at the grammar school**. When the boy studied at school he had free time. When he had a rest William liked to go to the forest and to the river Avon.

# Becoming an actor

At that time actors and actresses visited Stratford-on-Avon. William liked to watch them. He was fond of their profession and he decided to become an actor. When he was 21 he went to London. There he became an actor. He began writing plays too.

Shakespeare was both *an actor* and *a playwright*.



# “Globe”



Shakespeare worked in a theatre called **“Globe”** and performed many of his plays there. It was opened in **1599**.



# Works

- Shakespeare wrote **37 plays**:
  - 10 tragedies
  - 17 comedies
  - 10 historical plays.
- He also left **7 books** of poems.

His plays and poems have been published in many languages. They are well known among people.

# Tragedies

10 tragedies

- "Hamlet"
- "King Lear"
- "Othello"
- "Macbeth"
- "Romeo and Juliet"
- "Julius Caesar"

# “Hamlet”



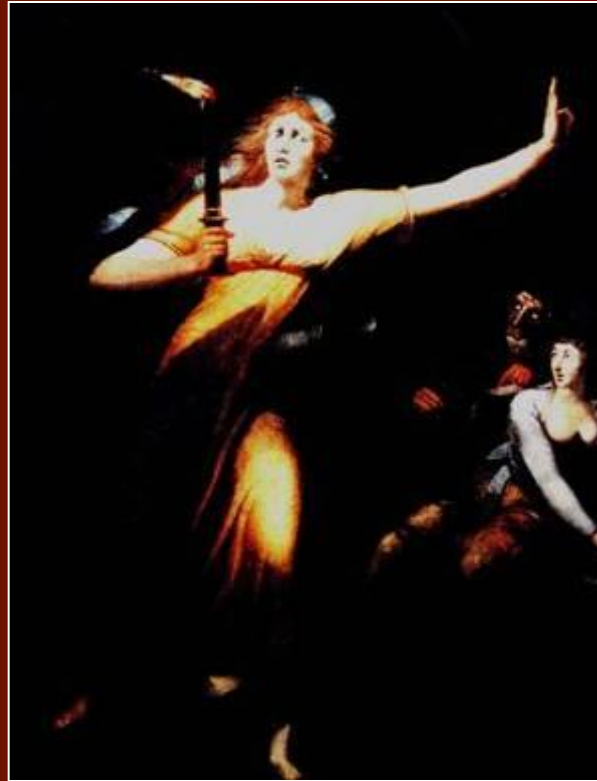
# “King Lear”



# “Othello”



# “Macbeth”



# “Romeo and Juliet”





# Comedies

## **17 comedies**

- "As you like it"
- "Twelfth night"
- "Much ado about nothing"
- "A Midsummer Night's Dream"
- "The Merchant of Venice"

# “Twelfth Night”



# “Much ado about nothing”



# “Midsummer Night’s Dream”



# Historical plays

10 historical plays

- "Henry IV"
- "Richard III"

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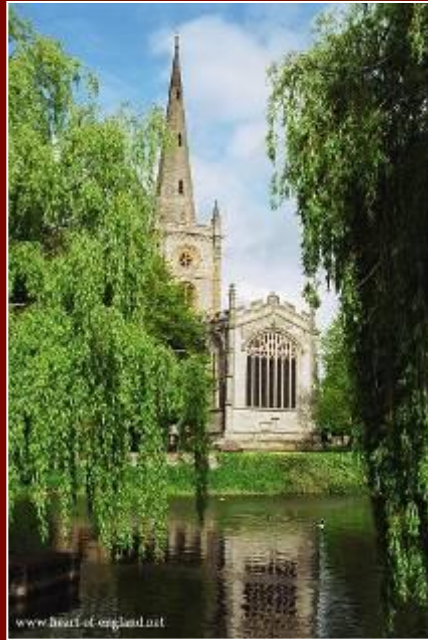
# Unknown man



We don't know a lot of facts of Shakespeare's life. We can only guess what kind of man he was, that's why there are many legends about his life.



# Memory



Shakespeare spent the last years of his life at Stratford, where he died on the same date as his birthday, **the 23<sup>rd</sup> of April, 1616.**

He was buried in the church of Stratford.



# Westminster Abbey

A monument was erected to the memory of the great playwright in the **Poet's Corner** in Westminster Abbey.



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