

Who were you, Mr. Shakespeare?



**BORN AND DIED ON
APRIL 23RD**

**HAD 7 SIBLINGS
& 3 CHILDREN**

LIVED UNTIL 52

**THERE ARE MORE
THAN 80
VARIATIONS
RECORDED FOR THE
SPELLING OF HIS
NAME**

**INTRODUCED ALMOST
3,000 WORDS TO THE
ENGLISH LANGUAGE, AND
USED OVER 7,000 WORDS
ONLY ONCE IN OF HIS
PLAYS**

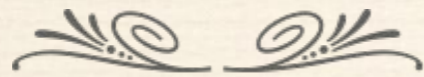
**HIS PLAYS ARE MADE
UP OF A TOTAL OF
884,429 WORDS**

**HE WROTE CLOSE TO 1/10
OF THE MOST QUOTED
LINES EVER WRITTEN OR
SPOKEN IN ENGLISH, AND
IS THE 2ND MOST QUOTED**

**HE WROTE 37 PLAYS AND
154 WORKS THAT WE
KNOW OF.**



Shakespeare's official bio



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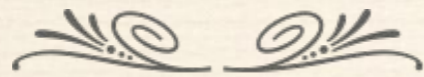


What was Shakespeare and his family life like????

- . What was his childhood like?
- . Where did he get his education?
- . What was it like to be a celebrity in the 16th - 17th century?
- . What was his family's life like?
- . Write 5-7 adjectives to characterize the great Bard



Why doubt?



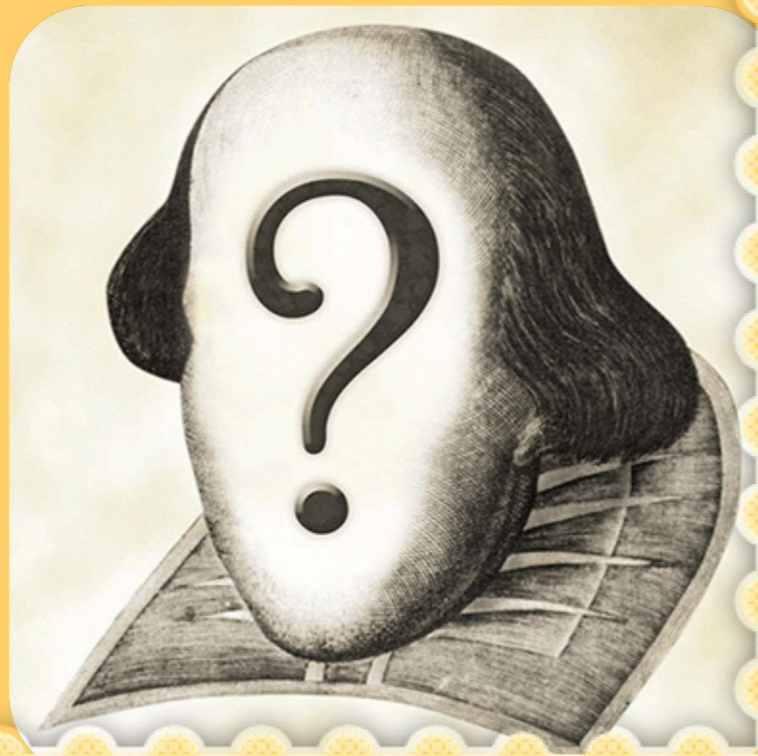
Compare
Shakespeare's bio
and fact file. Try to
list at least 3-4 things
which seem illogical.



Major issues for debates

- Shakespeare's parents were illiterate
- There's no proof that he had any education (anyway he left school at 14 or 15) NO University education
- His two daughters were illiterate
- No original manuscripts
- In his will he left no manuscripts, no books to anyone
- In the records he was called a gentleman, not a playwright
- None of his works were published until 1623 (7 years after his death)
- Many of Shakespeare's plays are set abroad (16 are set in Italy) – Shakespeare never left Britain.





Possible candidates



Christopher Marlowe

THE SHAKESPEARE MYSTERY

Who, in fact, was he?



The man from Stratford?

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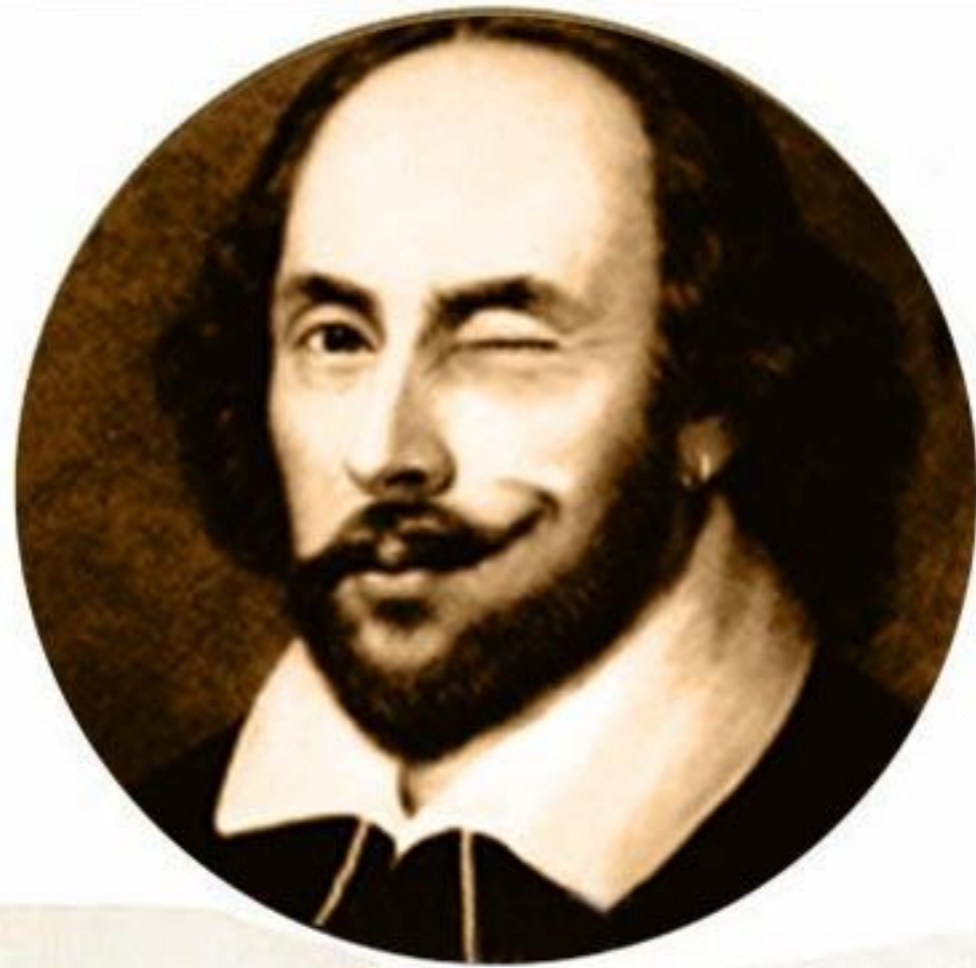


Edward de Vere, 17th Earl of Oxford?

Major candidates



Who were you?



William Shakespeare