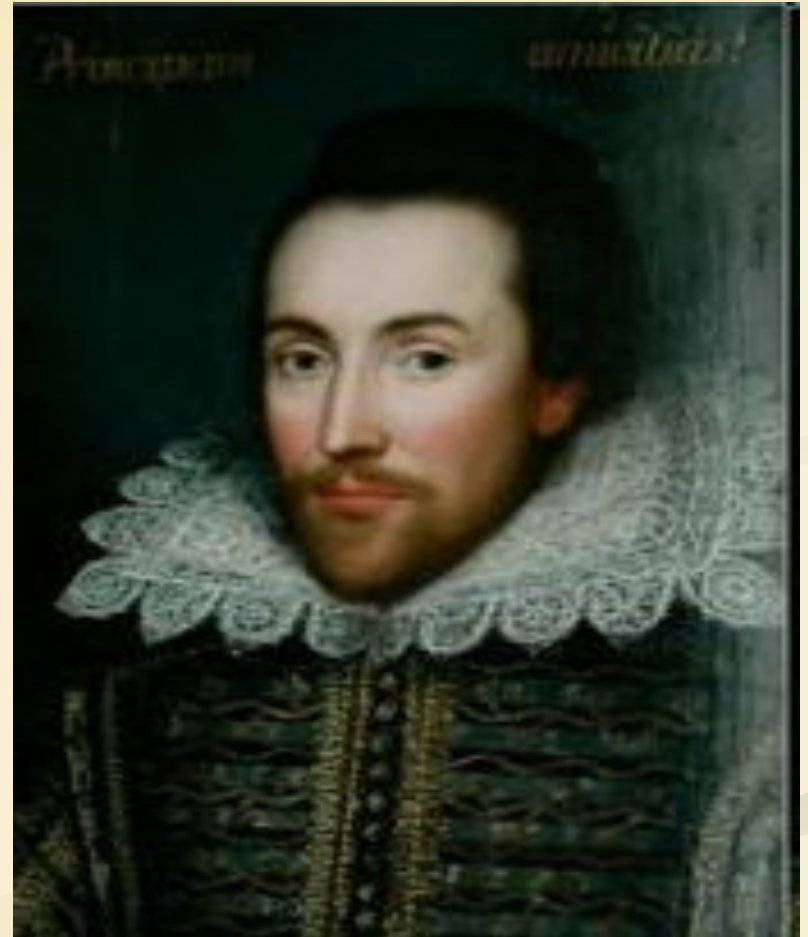


William Shakespeare



National poet England

- William Shakespeare (26 April 1564 - 23 April 1616)-was an English poet, playwright, and actor, widely regarded as the greatest writer in the English language and the world's pre-eminent dramatist. He is often called England's national poet and the "Bard of Avon". His extant works, including some collaborations, consist of about 38 plays, 154 sonnets, two long narrative poems, and a few other verses, the authorship of some of which is uncertain.



Parents

- William Shakespeare was the son of John Shakespeare, an alderman and a successful glover originally from Snitterfield, and Mary Arden, the daughter of an affluent landowning farmer.



Theatrical career

- In 1599, a partnership of company members built their own theatre on the south bank of the River Thames, which they called the Globe. In 1608, the partnership also took over the Blackfriars indoor theatre. Some of Shakespeare's plays were published in quarto editions from 1594. Shakespeare continued to act in his own and other plays after his success as a playwright. The 1616 edition of Ben Jonson's Works names him on the cast lists for *Every Man in His Humour* and *Sejanus His Fall*. The absence of his name from the 1605 cast list for Jonson's *Volpone* is taken by some scholars as a sign that his acting career was nearing its end. The First Folio of 1623, however, lists Shakespeare as one of "the Principal Actors in all these Plays"

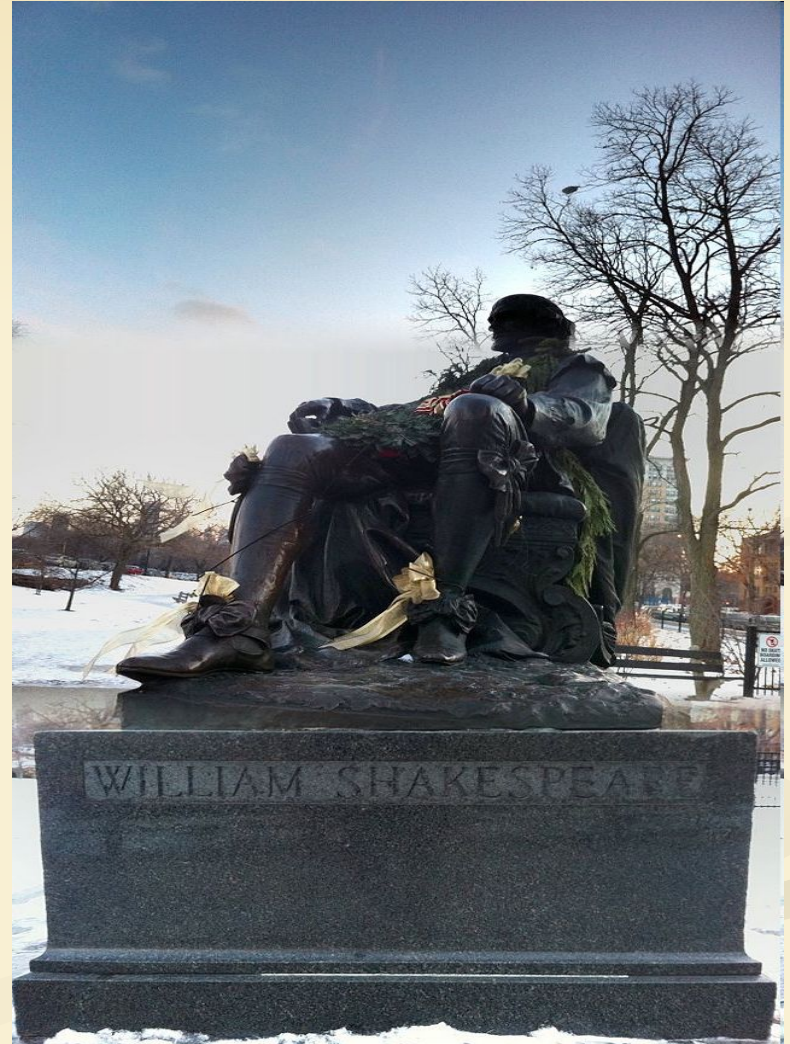


Death Shakespeare's

- Shakespeare died on 23 April 1616, at the age of 52. There is no extant contemporary source that explains how or why he died. Shakespeare was buried in the chancel of the Holy Trinity Church two days after his death. Shakespeare has been commemorated in many statues and memorials around the world, including funeral monuments in Southwark Cathedral and Poets' Corner in Westminster Abbey.



Monuments



Romeo and Juliet



Hamlet

