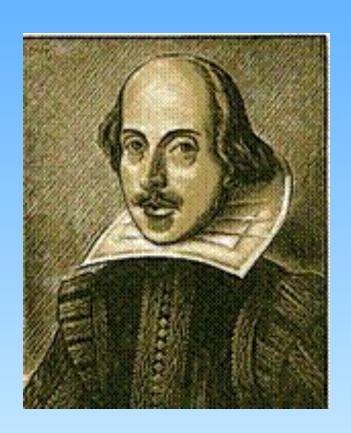
William Shakespeare – some biographical notes







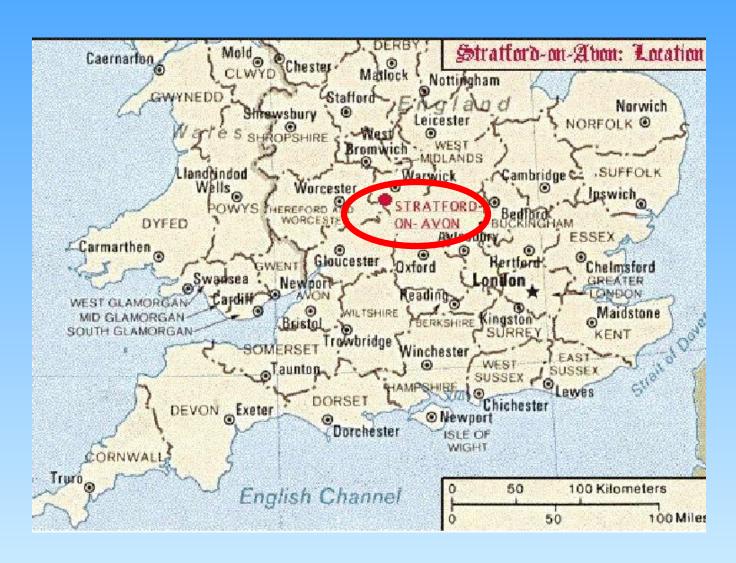
The early years

◆ Born in April 1564 in Stratford on Avon

His father - a fairly rich merchant



Stratford on Avon



Shakespeare's schooling



Wife and Children

- Marriage to Anne Hathaway in 1582
- Anne was 26, he was 18
- ◆ 3 children
- The youngest,Hamnet died at the age of 11



London

- went to London at21
- joined a travelling company of actors
- worked both as an

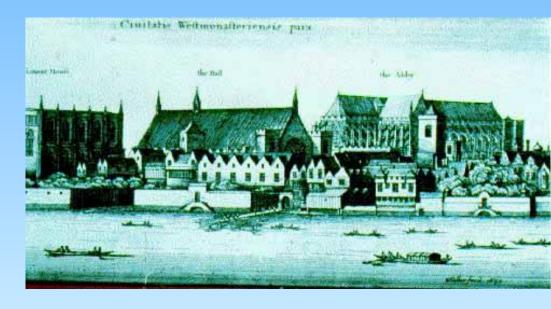
actor and a writer



London Life in the 16th century

- Poor sewer system
- High crime rate
- But ...
- 200,000 inhabitants
- the cultural and political heart of England



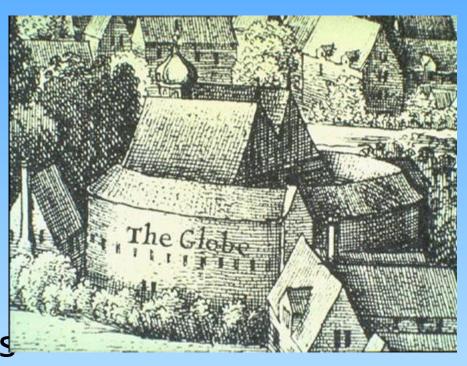


The Globe Theatre

opened in 1599

His successes had madeShakespeare

a rich man
He became one of
the principal investors



Ups and downs

- Failures and successes
- The affair with the "Dark Lady"



The end of his life

- Return to Stratford in 1610
- Destruction of the Globe Theatre in 1613 (the Great Fire of London)
- In 1616 Shakespeare died on April, 23 (his birthday!)



Looking back

- Shakespeare wrote37 plays ...
- □ ... and 154 sonnets...
- ... and an unknown number of long epic poems



"All's well that ends well"