

William Shakespeare



William Shakespeare
(1564–1616)
is the
best-known
poet and
playwright
of the
English
language.



William was born in
April 1564
(exact date unknown)
in
Stratford-upon-Avon,
Warwickshire, England
and died
April 16th 1616
23rd of



was the son of John Shakespeare, a successful glover and Mary Arden, the daughter of a farmer. He was the third child.



the Shakespeare Centre
which houses various
Shakespeare exhibits.
The garden of the
Birthplace is just visible to
visitors over the fence, but
entry into the Birthplace is
charged and is
expensive. (The
Birthplace is
Shakespeare



Shakespeare went to school. The school was built in 1428 as the home of a religious guild. The Guild Chapel is the church the



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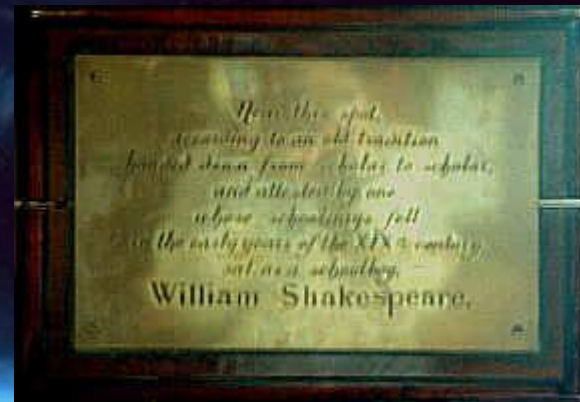
in which
Shakespeare
studied.
The
curriculum
was mainly
based on
Latin,
studying
such authors
as Virgil and
Ovid. The
curriculum
would also
be





Here is the
desk where
Shakespeare
ne's teacher
sat.

This plaque on
the schoolroom
wall states that
Shakespeare
studied in this

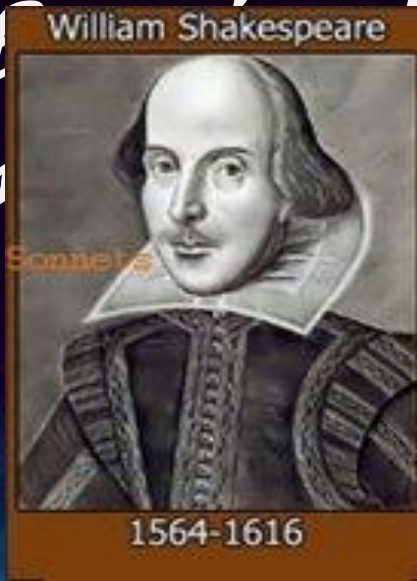




At the age
of 18,
Shakespeare
married
the
26-year-old
Anne
Hathaway.
William and
Anne had



Between 1585 and 1592
William began a successful
career in London as an
actor, writer, and part
owner of the playing
company the Lord
Chamberlain's Men, later
known as the King's Men.



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Shakespeare began
writing, but
contemporary
allusions and records of
performances show that
several of his plays were

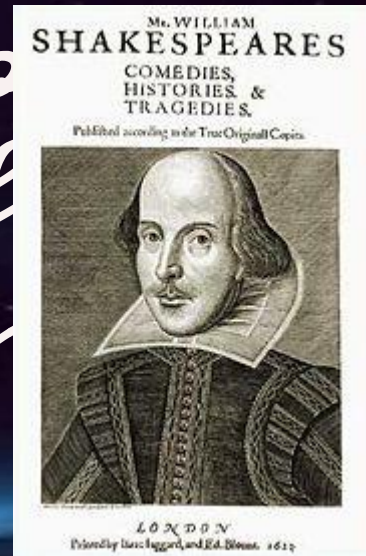
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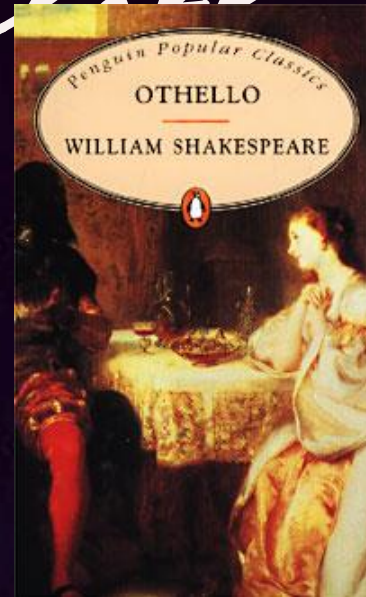
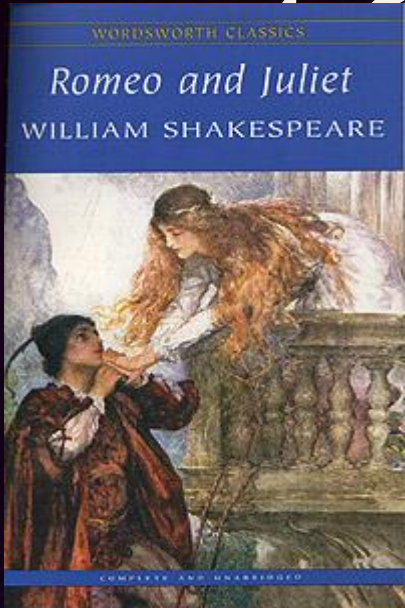
on stage by
reconstructed
Globe
Theatre,
London.



work between 1590 and 1613. His early plays were mainly comedies and histories. Next he wrote mainly tragedies until about 1608. In his last phase, he wrote



His best-known tragedies are: Hamlet, Romeo and Juliet, King Lear, Macbeth, Othello



Many great artists depicted Shakespeare's characters



Ophelia
(detail).
By John
Everett
Millais,
1851-2.
Late
Romanticism

Oberon,
Titania
and Puck
with
Fairies
Dancing.
By
William
Blake, c.
1786. Late
Romanticism

Hamlet,
Horatio,
Marcellu
s, and the
Ghost of
Hamlet's
Father.
Henry
Fuseli,
1780-5.
Romanticism





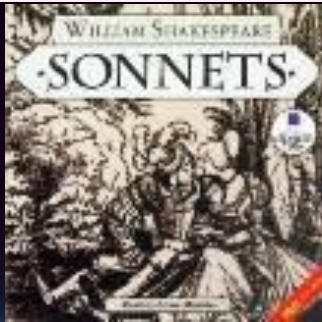
Sir John Gilbert's 1849 painting: The Plays of William Shakespeare, containing scenes and characters from several



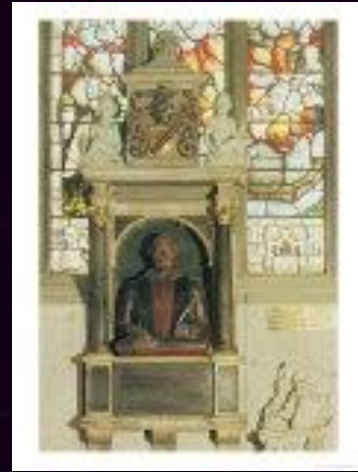
Shakespeare wrote 154 sonnets



Shakespeare
reciting
his sonnets



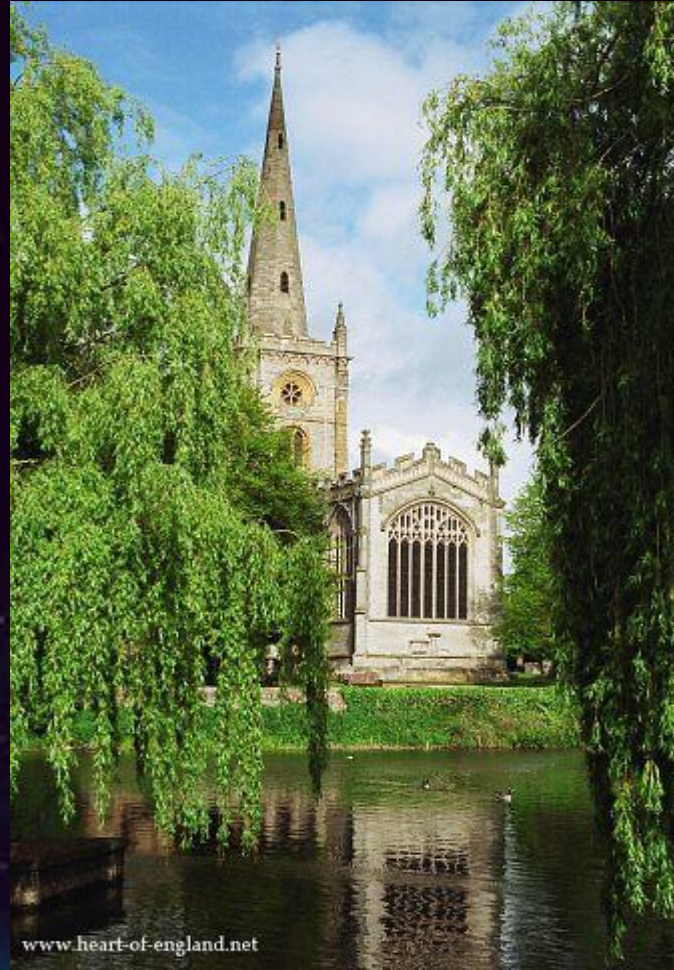
William
Shakespeare
made his will
early in 1616,
about the time
his daughter
Judith
married
Thomas
Quincey; and
on the
twenty-third
day of April,
the same day
of the same
month in
which he is



"Good friend,
For Jesus' sake
forbear
To dig the dust
enclosed here;
Blest be the
man that
spares these
stones,
And curst be he



Shakespeare
was both
baptized,
and now
rests, in
Holy
Trinity



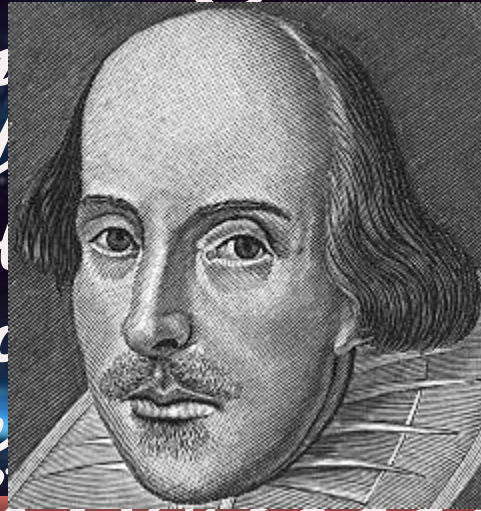


*This is the spot
where he lies.*

*"O, such another
sleep, that I
might see
But such*



Around 150 years after Shakespeare's death, doubts began to emerge about the authorship of Shakespeare's works. Alternative candidates proposed include Francis Bacon, Christopher Marlowe, and Edward de Vere, the Earl of Oxford. Although all these candidates have been proposed, particularly the Oxfordian



wonderful works, from his comedies and tragedies.

April 23rd (St George's Day) is the anniversary of Shakespeare's birth, and is a time of celebrations in Stratford-Upon-Avon. Among many events is a procession through the town, of bands, civic dignitaries, actors, Morris



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Shakespeare's birth
in
Stratford-upon-Avon



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