

ALMA MATER PROJECT

WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE

Shakespeare was born in Stratford-on-Avon in 1564. His exact birth date is a mystery, like many facts of Shakespeare's life. It is known as April 23. His father was a glove maker and an important man in the town.

It is believed that Shakespeare left school around the age of fourteen, which was not uncommon at the time.

He married Anne Hathaway in 1582 when he was eighteen years old. The next year they had a daughter named Susanna. Later they had the twins named Hanet and Judith.

Nothing is known for certain about what Shakespeare did between 1585 and 1592. There are stories that he joined a theatrical company or that he worked as a schoolteacher. But Shakespeare had become known as a dramatist and an actor in London by 1592.



In 1599, the company built the Globe, a theater near London. Shakespeare wrote some of his greatest tragic and comedic works around this time. They are *Hamlet*, *Othello*, *King Lear*, and *Macbeth* , *Twelfth Night* . Shakespeare's works were so popular that even Queen Elizabeth I of England had them performed for him.

In his later years, Shakespeare returned home to Stratford-on-Avon around 1610 to 1613. Shakespeare died on April 23, 1616. After his death there were many debates if he really wrote all of the plays himself or somebody wrote them for him.



