



HISTORY Year 1 - Summer 1

William Shakespeare

William Shakespeare is a famous playwright from the past. He is a significant historical person in our locality because he was born in Stratford upon Avon.



The life of William Shakespeare



William was born on 23rd April 1564.



William married Anne Hathaway when he was 18 years old in 1582



William and Anne had their first baby in 1583. They called her Susanna



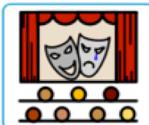
William and Anne had twins in 1585. They were called Judith and Hamnet



William moved to London in 1586.



Anne and the children stayed in Stratford-upon-Avon

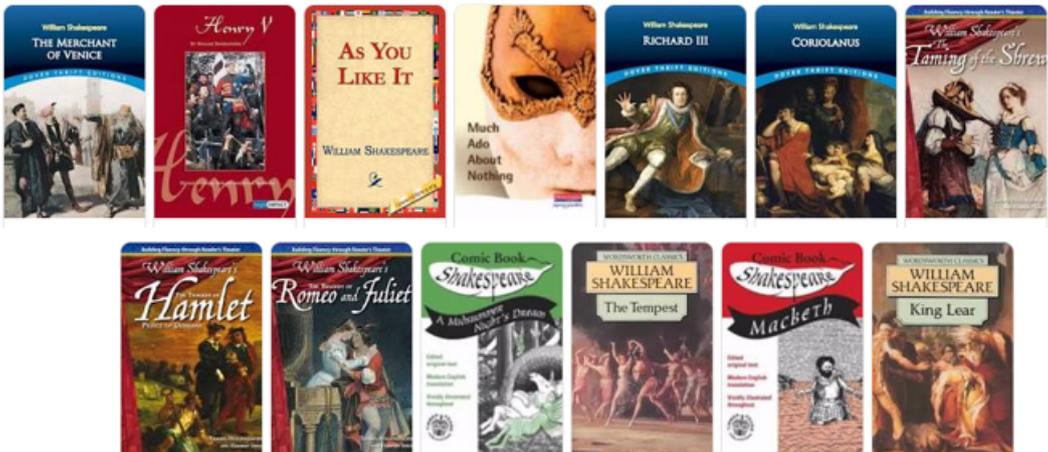


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Plays written by William Shakespeare



Key Facts

- William Shakespeare is a famous person in history, who lived near Royal Leamington Spa.
- William Shakespeare was born on 23rd April 1564 in Stratford-upon-Avon.
- Shakespeare's parents were called Mary and John Shakespeare.
- William had three brothers and four sisters.
- William went to King Edward VI School, known as King's New School.
- William married Anne Hathaway in November 1582.
- William and Anne had three children Susanna, Judith and Hamnet.
- William moved to London in 1586, he joined Lord Chamberlains Theatre Group. He wrote plays and became a famous actor and playwright.
- William opened The Globe Theatre in 1599, it was an open-air theatre and tickets were different prices so everyone could be entertained.
- Anne and the children stayed in Stratford-upon-Avon and Shakespeare would visit for Easter when the theatre closed for Lent. He bought a large house for them all to live in.
- Shakespeare died when he was 52 years old in 1616.

Key Vocabulary

play	A story written with a part for each actor. A play was usually acted out on a stage.
playwright	A person who writes plays for actors to perform.
The Globe Theatre	The theatre where actors first performed some of Shakespeare's best known plays.
tragedy	A story about a sad or upsetting event.
comedy	A story about a funny event.

Home Learning Suggestions

- You might like to visit Stratford-upon Avon with your family. Explore the town and try to identify some of the places that are/ were significant to William Shakespeare. You might be able to locate the river Avon, Shakespeare's birthplace, Anne Hathaway's cottage, Mary Arden's Farm or Holy Trinity Church. We would love to see some photographs.
- You could research and re-create a Tudor recipe.
- You might like to create a portrait of William Shakespeare. You could use any art materials that you have available at home.