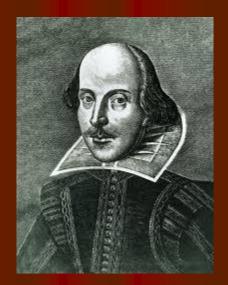
## William Shakespeare



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## Early Life

- William Shakespeare was born on April 23, 1564. He was John and Mary Shakespeare's oldest surviving child; their first two children both girls, did not live beyond infancy.
  - William Shakespeare was an actor, playwright and theatre entrepreneur.
- At the age of 18 William married Anne Hathaway who was age 26
- His childhood house was on Henley street in Warwickshire England.

• William Shakespeare died on 23<sup>rd</sup> April 1616.

- William Shakespeare influenced the English language more so than any other author in history this was due to the fact that he invented and made many words popular Among these included "fashionable", "lackluster", "in a pickle", and "one fell swoop".
- The Oxford English Dictionary has credited Shakespeare with introducing almost 3,000 words to the English language. His vocabulary range was at least double of any other conservationist

Did you know? The word "love" appears in Romeo and Juliet 150 times?

## **Famous Plays**

William Shakespeare wrote lots of plays, a few of the plays I've heard about are

- Romeo and Juliet
- Macbeth
- A Midsummer night's dream
- Hamlet

In total William Shakespeare wrote 37 plays.

*Hamlet* is his longest play which is 4,042 lines long.

## **Poetry**

 Shakespeare was also famous for his poetry. His most famous poem of the time was Venus and Adonis.

Venus and Adonis is a narrative poem, or a poem that tells a story, written by William Shakespeare from 1592-1593. It consists of 1,194 lines and is based on Ovid's Metamorphoses, a piece with contrasting views about the nature of love.

• He also wrote poems called sonnets. A book of 154 of Shakespeare's sonnets was published in 1609.