

Life and Achievements of William Shakespeare

1564

Born in Stratford-upon-Avon to tanner and glove maker, John Shakespeare and his wife Mary (Arden). His actual birthday is thought to be April 23rd. His baptism was recorded in the Parish register of Holy Trinity Church on April the 26th.

1582

Shakespeare marries Anne Hathaway November the 27th at Temple Grafton, a village near Stratford.

1583

Susanna, his first child is born

1585

Twins: Judith and Hamnet, are born. Feb 2nd. Shakespeare goes to London and starts his theatrical career.

1589-1592

During this period he writes:

The Comedy of Errors

The Taming of the Shrew

Richard III

Henry IV Part 1, Part 2 and Part 3

Titus Andronicus

1593

Dedicates Venus and Adonis and The Rape of Lucrece to Henry Wriothesley, Earl of Southampton.

Writes: Venus and Adonis

Starts writing: The sonnets

Love's Labour's Lost

The Two Gentlemen of Verona

1594

Founding member of the acting troupe called: The Lord Chamberlains Men.

Published: The Rape of Lucrece.



1596-1597

Shakespeare purchases a large house in Stratford.

His son Hamnet dies.

Richard II

The Merchant of Venice,

Romeo & Juliet

A Midsummer Night's Dream

1598-1608

The The King's Men and perform regularly at court.

Susanna Shakespeare marries Dr. John Hall.

Shakespeare's mother dies.

The King's Men begin playing at The Blackfriars.

King Lear,

Macbeth

Troilus & Cressida

Twelfth Night

Julius Caesar,

Measure for Measure

Othello

Timon of Athens

Hamlet

Antony and Cleopatra,

Coriolanus

All's Well That Ends Well

1609-1611

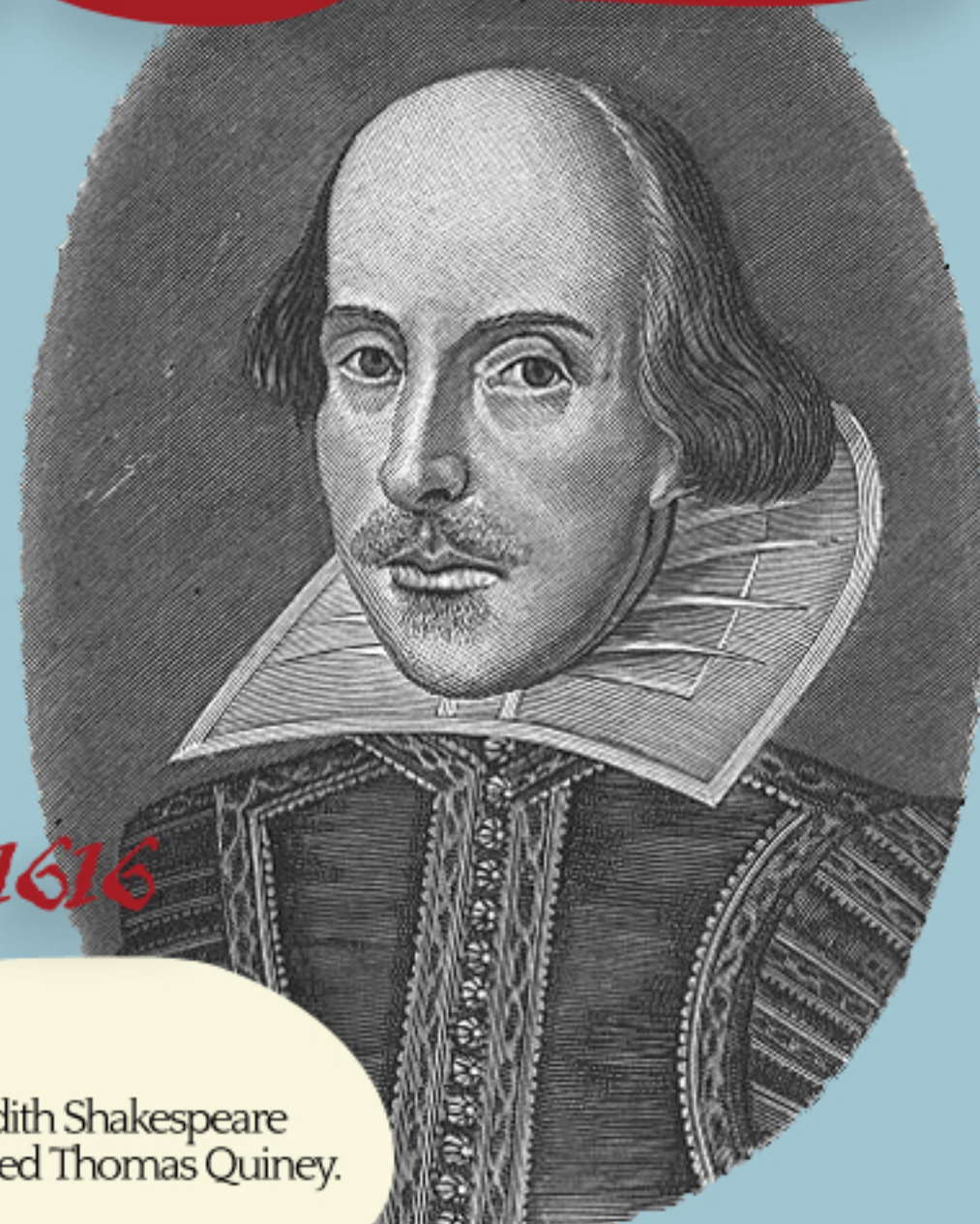
The Sonnets are published.

The Tempest

Cymbeline

Pericles Prince of Tyre,

The Winter's Tale.



1612-1616

Shakespeare retires from the theatre and returns to live in Stratford. Works on new plays with his friend, John Fletcher.

1616

Judith Shakespeare married Thomas Quiney.

The Two Noble Kinsmen

Cardenio

Henry VIII

Shakespeare dies on 23rd April 1616 (on his birthday) and is buried in Holy Trinity Church, Stratford Upon Avon.

