William Shakespeare

BORN AND DIED ON THE SAME DAY APRIL 23

34 PLAYS
10 TRAGEDIES, 7 HISTORIES, 17 COMEDIES

154 SONNETS

CREATED OVER 1,380 CHARACTERS

HE HAD A SON NAMED HAMNET (AND THAT'S NOT A TYPO)

WAS HAMLET A MOTOR MOUTH?
ABOUT 1/3 OF THE PLAY'S LINES ARE SPOKEN BY HIM



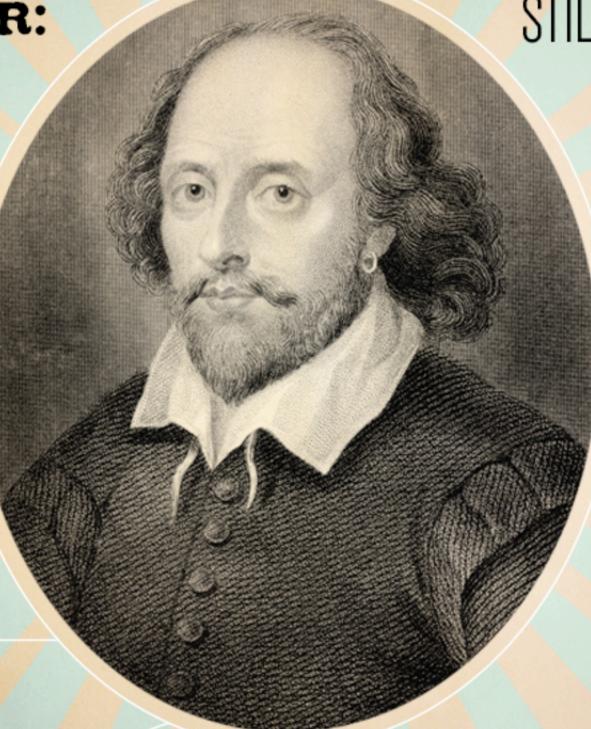
SOME BELIEVE HE DIDN'T ACTUALLY AUTHOR ALL OF HIS WORK

NEW NAME GENERATOR:

MANY FIRST NAMES THAT ARE STILL POPULAR TODAY, INCLUDING JESSICA, MIRANDA AND OLIVIA

HIS EPITAPH
WARNS VANDALS
AND GRAVE ROBBERS
TO STAY AWAY:
"BLESSED BE THE MAN
THAT SPARES
THESE STONES / AND
CURSED
BE HE THAT MOVES
MY BONES"

SHAKESPEARE IS THE THIRD MOST TRANSLATED AUTHOR IN THE WORLD (OVER 4,400 TRANSLATIONS)



STILL IN USE TODAY:

KNOCK, KNOCK! WHO'S THERE?

(MACBETH)

ALL'S WELL
THAT ENDS WELL
(TITLE OF ONE OF HIS PLAYS)

(THE MERCHANT OF VENICE)

GOOD RIDDANCE!

(TROILUS AND CRESSIDA)

JULIET
WAS PLAYED
BY A MAN,
BECAUSE WOMEN WEREN'T
PERMITTED TO ACT



PLAYS WITH THE MOST DEATHS:
MACBETH (10 DEATHS) AND
TITUS ANDRONICUS (14 DEATHS)

SHAKESPEARE'S PLAYS CONTAIN OVER 20 DIFFERENT WAYS TO DIE: POISONING, DECAPITATION, SNAKE BITE, HANGING, DROWNING... PLUS, BEING EATEN
IN A PIE
AND DEVOURED BY A
IS GAR

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