

## William Shakespeare - Facts

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1. William Shakespeare was a playwright, actor and poet, who was born in Stratford-Upon-Avon in 1564.
2. There were four genres of plays he wrote – tragedies, comedies, romances and histories. 'Romeo and Juliet' is a tragedy, 'Much Ado About Nothing' is a comedy. 'Richard III' is a history and 'Pericles, Prince of Tyre' is a romance.
3. He married Anne Hathaway when he was 18, and had three children, Susannah, Hamnet and Judith.
4. He died on the 23<sup>rd</sup> April 1616, in Stratford-Upon-Avon.
5. Shakespeare's first play was 'Henry VI', and his last play was 'The Two Noble Kinsmen'.
6. When the theatres closed because of a plague, Shakespeare wrote poems, such as the 'Sonnets'.
7. The Globe Theatre was built in 1599, but burnt in a fire in 1613. A second was built in 1614, but closed in 1642. A modern one was built in 1997.
8. Shakespeare died on the same day he was born, 23<sup>rd</sup> April.
9. He is considered as the best British writer of all-time.
10. His most famous include 'Romeo and Juliet', 'Hamlet', 'Macbeth'.