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William Shakespeare (baptized on April 26, - April 23,) was an English playwright, actor and poet who also known as the "Bard of Avon" and often called England's national poet.

Some time before , a funerary monument was erected in his memory on the north wall, with a half-effigy of him in the act of writing. Its plaque compares him to Nestor , Socrates , and Virgil. Textual evidence also supports the view that several of the plays were revised by other writers after their original composition. The first recorded works of Shakespeare are Richard III and the three parts of Henry VI , written in the early s during a vogue for historical drama. By William Blake , c. His characters become more complex and tender as he switches deftly between comic and serious scenes, prose and poetry, and achieves the narrative variety of his mature work. Henry Fuseli , " According to the critic Frank Kermode, "the play-offers neither its good characters nor its audience any relief from its cruelty". Less bleak than the tragedies, these four plays are graver in tone than the comedies of the s, but they end with reconciliation and the forgiveness of potentially tragic errors. Shakespeare in performance It is not clear for which companies Shakespeare wrote his early plays. The title page of the edition of Titus Andronicus reveals that the play had been acted by three different troupes. In Cymbeline, for example, Jupiter descends "in thunder and lightning, sitting upon an eagle: The ghosts fall on their knees. Copper engraving of Shakespeare by Martin Droeshout. It contained 36 texts, including 18 printed for the first time. In the case of King Lear , however, while most modern editions do conflate them, the folio version is so different from the quarto that the Oxford Shakespeare prints them both, arguing that they cannot be conflated without confusion. He dedicated them to Henry Wriothesley, Earl of Southampton. Critics consider that its fine qualities are marred by leaden effects. Scholars are not certain when each of the sonnets was composed, but evidence suggests that Shakespeare wrote sonnets throughout his career for a private readership. It remains unclear if these figures represent real individuals, or if the authorial "I" who addresses them represents Shakespeare himself, though Wordsworth believed that with the sonnets "Shakespeare unlocked his heart". Thou art more lovely and more temperate It is not known whether this was written by Shakespeare himself or by the publisher, Thomas Thorpe , whose initials appear at the foot of the dedication page; nor is it known who Mr. He wrote them in a stylised language that does not always spring naturally from the needs of the characters or the drama. The grand speeches in Titus Andronicus , in the view of some critics, often hold up the action, for example; and the verse in The Two Gentlemen of Verona has been described as stilted.

Chapter 2 : William Shakespeare - HISTORY

William Shakespeare died on 23 April , according to his monument, and lies buried in the chancel of the Holy Trinity Church in Stratford upon Avon. While there is little known of her life, Anne Hathaway outlived her husband by seven years, dying in and is buried beside him.

William Shakespeare [3] was born in Stratford-upon-Avon. His exact date of birth is not knownâ€”the baptismal record was dated 26 April â€”but has been traditionally taken to be 23 April , which is also the Feast Day of Saint George , the patron saint of England. He was the first son and the first surviving child in the family; two earlier children, Joan and Margaret, had died early. They had eight children: Joan baptised 15 September , died in infancy , Margaret bap. London, 31 December John Shakespeare owned several properties in Stratford and had a profitableâ€”though illegalâ€”sideline of dealing in wool. He was appointed to several municipal offices and served as an alderman in , culminating in a term as bailiff , the chief magistrate of the town council , in For reasons unclear to history he fell upon hard times, beginning in , when William was After four years of non-attendance at council meetings, he was finally replaced as burgess in It was free to all male children and the evidence indicates that John Shakespeare sent his sons there for a grammar school education, though no attendance records survive. Shakespeare would have been enrolled when he was 7, in The school day typically ran from 6 a. Grammar schools varied in quality during the Elizabethan era , but the grammar curriculum was standardised by royal decree throughout England, [9] and the school would have provided an intensive education in Latin grammar and literatureâ€””as good a formal literary training as had any of his contemporaries”. As a part of this education, the students performed Latin plays to better understand rhetoric. By the end of their studies at age 14, grammar school pupils were quite familiar with the great Latin authors, and with Latin drama and rhetoric. The licence, issued by the consistory court of the diocese of Worcester, 21 miles west of Stratford, allowed the two to marry with only one proclamation of the marriage banns in church instead of the customary three successive Sundays. The reason for the special licence appeared six months later with the baptism of their first daughter, Susanna , on 26 May This seven-year period, known as the "lost years" to Shakespeare scholars, was filled by early biographers with surmises drawn from local traditions, and by more recent biographers with surmises about the onset of his acting career deduced from textual and bibliographic hints and the surviving records of the various playing troupes of the time. Shakespeare mythos[edit] Shakespeare Before Thomas Lucy, a typical Victorian illustration of the poaching anecdote Several hypotheses have been put forth to account for his life during this time, and a number of accounts are given by his earliest biographers. Johnson adds that the story had been told to Alexander Pope by Rowe. Honigmann proposed that Shakespeare acted as a schoolmaster in Lancashire , [19] on the evidence found in the will of a member of the Houghton family, referring to plays and play-clothes and asking his kinsman Thomas Hesketh to take care of "William Shakeshaft, now dwelling with me". How or when Shakespeare got into acting is unknown. Before being allowed to perform for the general public, touring playing companies were required to present their play before the town council to be licensed. Players first acted in Stratford in , the year that John Shakespeare was bailiff. Before Shakespeare turned 20, the Stratford town council had paid for at least 18 performances by at least 12 playing companies. In one playing season alone, that of , five different acting troupes visited Stratford. The works are written within the frame of reference of the career actor, rather than a member of the learned professions or from scholarly book-learning. The application was successfully renewed in , most probably at the instigation of William himself as he was the more prosperous at the time. The motto "Non sanz droict" "Not without right" was attached to the application, but it was not used on any armorial displays that have survived. The theme of social status and restoration runs deep through the plots of many of his plays, and at times Shakespeare seems to mock his own longing. Also by , his name began to appear on the title pages of his plays, presumably as a selling point. Legal documents from , when the case was brought to trial, show that Shakespeare was a tenant of Christopher Mountjoy, a Huguenot tire-maker a maker of ornamental headdresses in the northwest of London in Shakespeare was enlisted as a go-between, to help negotiate the details of the dowry. Eight years later, Bellott

sued his father-in-law for delivering only part of the dowry. During the Bellott v. Mountjoy case, Shakespeare was called to testify, but said he remembered little of the circumstances. Shakespeare himself seems to have lived in rented accommodation while in London. According to John Aubrey, he travelled to Stratford to stay with his family for a period each year. Speculators were acquiring excess quantities in the hope of profiting from scarcity. This has often been interpreted as evidence that he was listed as a hoarder. According to Mark Eccles, "the schoolmaster, Mr. Aspinall, had eleven quarters, and the vicar, Mr. Lewis, however, suggest that he purchased the malt as an investment, since he later sued a neighbour, Philip Rogers, for an unpaid debt for twenty bushels of malt. In short, he had become an entrepreneur specialising in real estate and agricultural products, an aspect of his identity further enhanced by his investments in local farmland and farm produce. Boehrer suggests he was pursuing an "overall investment strategy aimed at controlling as much as possible of the local grain market", a strategy that was highly successful. The town clerk Thomas Greene, who opposed the enclosure, recorded a conversation with Shakespeare about the issue. Shakespeare said he believed the enclosure would not go through, a prediction that turned out to be correct. The purchase was probably an investment, as Shakespeare was living mainly in Stratford by this time, and the apartment was rented out to one John Robinson. Robinson may be the same man recorded as a labourer in Stratford, in which case it is possible he worked for Shakespeare. In he was called as a witness in the Bellott v. Susanna and her husband Dr John Hall sued for slander. Lane failed to appear and was convicted. From November Shakespeare was in London for several weeks with his son-in-law, Hall. Shakespeare died on 23 April which was also the day of his birth and the feast day of St. George, patron of England , at the reputed age of No extant contemporary source explains how or why he died. After half a century had passed, John Ward , the vicar of Stratford, wrote in his notebook: Of the tributes that started to come from fellow authors, one refers to his relatively early death: His son Hamnet had died in His last surviving descendant was his granddaughter Elizabeth Hall , daughter of Susanna and John Hall. A monument on the wall nearest his grave, probably placed by his family, [44] features a bust showing Shakespeare posed in the act of writing. Each year on his claimed birthday, a new quill pen is placed in the writing hand of the bust. He is believed to have written the epitaph on his tombstone. Blest be the man that spares these stones, And cursed be he that moves my bones.

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Early life. William Shakespeare was the son of John Shakespeare, an alderman and a successful glover (glove-maker) originally from Snitterfield, and Mary Arden, the daughter of an affluent landowning farmer.

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Chapter 4 : William Shakespeare: 20 Facts, 37 Plays, Poems, Quotes & Bio

This video provides a crash course introduction to William Shakespeare's life, plays, and poetry. From 'Two Gentlemen of Verona' to 'The Tempest', we'll give you a timeline of his works and quick.

Jump to navigation Jump to search Who do we mean when we speak of this person, Shakespeare? Yet many facts of his life remain a mystery. Some have been acquired from painstaking looks at the records of the time, so that this summary is based on generally agreed facts. It has been said that we only know three things about Shakespeare: He was baptised on April 26, ; we do not know his birth date, but many scholars believe it was 23 April His father was John Shakespeare who was a glover and leather merchant and his mother Mary Arden who was a landed local heiress. His fortunes declined, however, in the late s. William lived for most of his early life in Stratford-upon-Avon. We do not know exactly when he went to London but he is said to have arrived in It is surmised by scholars that Shakespeare attended the free grammar school in Stratford, which at the time had a reputation to rival that of Eton. As the records do not exist, we do not know how long William attended the school, but certainly the literary quality of his works suggest a solid education. What is certain is that William Shakespeare never proceeded to university schooling, which has stirred some of the debate concerning the authorship of his works. In November 28, , when he was 18, he married Anne Hathaway, who was They had a daughter named Susanna, who was baptised on May 26, Later they had twins, a son named Hamnet and a daughter named Judith. Hamnet died while he was still a child on August 11, Due to the early death of his only son, Shakespeare does not have any direct descendants. For the seven years that followed the birth of his twins, William Shakespeare disappeared from all records, and then, turned up again in London some time in In he became an part-owner of the Globe Theater in Southwark. In they leased a building called Blackfriars, which they converted to an indoor playhouse. It had some advantageous features like lighting and possibly heating. The Globe continued as their primary theater. From to he wrote several comedies and nearly all the famous tragedies. The year after , his sonnets were published. William Shakespeare wrote his will in , bequeathing his properties to his daughter Susanna married in to Dr. On his grave are the haunting words: It took over years for some of his bones to be stolen. After his death, in , his friends published the First Folio, the first authorized collection of his works and a main source for the texts of his plays,.

Chapter 5 : BBC - iWonder - William Shakespeare: The life and legacy of England's bard

Shakespeare's life gives an account of the playwright's time in Stratford-upon-Avon and London. Shakespeare's works lists all the poems, sonnets and plays that he created. See Shakespeare's theatre for information about the first public playhouses in London, and the companies and actors that used them.

Many of the dates of play performances, when they were written, adapted or revised and printed are imprecise. This biography attempts only to give an overview of his life, while leaving the more learned perspectives to the countless scholars and historians who have devoted their lives to the study and demystification of the man and his works. He lived with his fairly well-to-do parents on Henley Street, the first of the four sons born to John Shakespeare c and Mary Arden c , who also had four daughters. John Shakespeare was a local businessman and also involved in municipal affairs as Alderman and Bailiff, but a decline in his fortunes in his later years surely had an effect on William. In his younger years Shakespeare attended the Christian Holy Trinity church, the now famous elegant limestone cross shaped cathedral on the banks of the Avon river, studying the Book of Common Prayer and the English Bible. In he became lay rector when he paid Pounds towards its upkeep, hence why he is buried in the chancel. There is also the time when Queen Elizabeth herself visited nearby Kenilworth Castle and Shakespeare, said to have been duly impressed by the procession, recreated it in some of his later plays. When he finished school he might have apprenticed for a time with his father, but there is also mention of his being a school teacher. Baptisms of three children were recorded; Susanna , who went on to marry noted physician John Hall, and twins Judith who married Richard Quiney, and Hamnet his only son and heir who died at the age of eleven. He was writing poems and plays, and his involvement with theatre troupes and acting is disparagingly condemned in a pamphlet that was distributed in London, attributed to Robert Green the playwright titled "Groats Worth of Witte" haughtily attacking Shakespeare as an "upstart crow"; "Yes trust them not: O that I might entreat your rare wits to be employed in more profitable courses: While it was a time for many upstart theatres, the popular public entertainment of the day, they were often shut down and forbidden to open for stretches of time. Shakespeare probably spent these dark days travelling between London, Stratford, and the provinces, which gave him time to pen many more plays and sonnets. Among the first of his known printed works is the comedic and erotically charged Ovidian narrative poem Venus and Adonis It was wildly popular, dedicated with great esteem to his patron Henry Wriothesly, third earl of Southampton, the young man that some say Shakespeare may have had more than platonic affection for. The troupe included his friend and actor Richard Burbage. A few of his plays were printed in his lifetime, though they appeared more voluminously after his death, sometimes plagiarised and often changed at the whim of the printer. First Folio would be the first collection of his dramatic works, a massive undertaking to compile thirty-six plays from the quarto texts, playbooks, transcriptions, and the memories of actors. The approximately nine hundred page manuscript took about two years to complete and was printed in as Mr. It also featured on the frontispiece the famous engraved portrait of Shakespeare said to be by Martin Droeshout c Most likely Anne and the children lived in Stratford while Shakespeare spent his time travelling between Stratford and London, dealing with business affairs and writing and acting. In his daughter Judith married Quiney who subsequently admitted to fornication with Margaret Wheeler, and Shakespeare took steps to bequeath a sum to Judith in her own name. William Shakespeare died on 23 April , according to his monument, and lies buried in the chancel of the Holy Trinity Church in Stratford upon Avon. While there is little known of her life, Anne Hathaway outlived her husband by seven years, dying in and is buried beside him. It is not clear as to how or why Shakespeare died, but in the reverend John Ward, vicar of Stratford recorded that "Shakespeare, Drayton and Ben Johnson had a merie meeting, and itt seems drank too hard, for Shakespeare died of a feavour there contracted. Others were written or revised right before being printed. The order, dates, and authorship of the Sonnets have been much debated with no conclusive findings. Many have claimed autobiographical details from them, including sonnet number in reference to Anne. The dedication to "Mr. Regardless, there have been some unfortunate projections and interpretations of modern concepts onto centuries old works that, while a grasp of contextual historical information can certainly lend to

their depth and meaning, can also be enjoyed as valuable poetical works that have transcended time and been surpassed by no other. Ever the dramatist Shakespeare created a profound intrigue to scholars and novices alike as to the identities of these people. Some are reworkings of previous stories, many based on English or Roman history. The dates given here are when they are said to have been first performed, followed by approximate printing dates in brackets, listed in chronological order of performance. Titus Andronicus first performed in printed in , Romeo and Juliet , Hamlet ,.

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Shakespeare is England's most celebrated dramatist and poet. His works have been translated into 80 languages, including Star Trek's Klingon. He helped shape the English we use today.

Shakespeare left Susanna most of his property upon his death in February 2, The twins were named after two very close friends of William: Tragically, Hamnet Shakespeare died in at the age of eleven. Although we do not know the precise dates of composition, it is generally assumed that the Henry VI trilogy was composed by Shakespeare between and the summer of September 3, Death of Robert Greene Greene is best remembered for his attack on Shakespeare in his autobiographical Groatsworth of Wit May 30, Death of Christopher Marlowe Christopher Marlowe, the great Elizabethan poet and dramatist, was murdered in a tavern brawl. May 9, Registration of The Rape of Lucrece Shakespeare wrote this long narrative poem in rhyme royal seven-line stanzas in iambic pentameter. It appeared in several subsequent quarto editions. No information on the cause of his death or on his burial is known. October 20, John Shakespeare Granted Coat of Arms By permission of the Garter King of Arms, John Shakespeare and his children were granted permission to display the gold coat-of-arms, with a black banner bearing a silver spear. The motto was "Non sanz droict" or "not without right. Q1 of Richard II spawned two more editions in The quarto edition of Romeo and Juliet is considered corrupt and four more subsequent editions were produced. The house was over years old when Shakespeare moved in and it came with ten fireplaces and two barns. The Shakespeare Birthplace Trust acquired what was left of the once-magnificent property in There is evidence, however, to suggest that the play was printed at an unknown earlier date. Two quarto editions of 1 Henry IV were produced in It was rebuilt in and finally demolished in Shakespeare acted and staged many of his plays at the Globe, and he was also one of the shareholders. How to cite this article:

Chapter 7 : Timeline of Shakespeare's Life and Works

William Shakespeare, his Life, Works and Influence William Shakespeare was an English poet and playwright who is considered one of the greatest writers to ever use the English language. He is also the most famous playwright in the world, with his plays being translated in over 50 languages and performed across the globe for audiences of all ages.

He helped shape the English we use today, introducing up to words and dozens of well-known phrases. His plays are known around the world for their universal themes and insight into the human condition. Yet much about the playwright is a mystery. It was usual for christenings to take place on the third day after birth. He was born during the reign of Queen Elizabeth I, who had recently converted England to Protestantism. William was the third of eight children, though his two elder siblings did not survive childhood. Attendance records from this time have been lost. It is likely that he began his education at the age of six or seven. As his father was now a bailiff, young William probably attended the local grammar school. Its curriculum emphasised Greek classics and pupils also learned plays in Latin. Religious education was also important, and Shakespeare drew on these sources in his later work with classical and religious allusions. Shakespeare probably attended school until about age 14. There is no record of him going to university. Francesco da Mosto investigates how plausible it is that Shakespeare could have visited Venice. Shakespeare married the year-old Anne Hathaway, in when he was 18. She was already three months pregnant with their first child. The baptisms of his three children are the last record of him for seven years, known as his lost years. At some point Shakespeare went to London, leaving his family in Stratford, and established himself as a playwright and actor. A century later his first biographer suggested he fled to London to escape punishment for deer poaching. However, no records have been found of his activities in these years. The next known record of Shakespeare appears after he was already a playwright in London. Drama in Elizabethan theatre shifted from the religious to the secular and companies of players formed to entertain the public under the patronage of noblemen. Scholars suggest the application showed he was now a successful businessman as much as a talented playwright. He that wants money, means, and content is without three good friends. That year the author Francis Meres singled him out from a group of English writers as "the most excellent" in both comedy and tragedy. His work attracted royal attention; he acted in several performances before Queen Elizabeth I. Others suggest Richard II criticised her as it describes the overthrowing of a monarch. The wonder of our stage. James Shapiro on the building of the Globe. The king and the playwright: A Jacobean history BBC 4, The group built their own theatre called the Globe, and Shakespeare owned a share. This made him even wealthier. He invested in property in Stratford and London, and records of his purchases survive. In he bought the second biggest house in Stratford for his family, as well as acres of farmland and a cottage. Later, he bought property to let in London, showing his business acumen. James Shapiro explains the changes Shakespeare faced after King James took the throne. King Lear, Act 1, Scene 1 Around this timeâ€¦

Chapter 8 : William shakespeare life and works essay

His Life Shakespeare was born on April 23rd in the English town of Stratford-upon-Avon in a house in Henley Street. His father John was a glove maker, his mother Mary Arden, instead, came.

What we do know about his life comes from registrar records, court records, wills, marriage certificates and his tombstone in Holy Trinity Church, Stratford-upon-Avon. For a number of years he played a prominent role in the municipal life of the town. He served on the town council and was elected bailiff mayor. John and Mary Shakespeare had eight children: William was the eldest of the four boys. Shakespeare probably left school at the age of 14 or It is not known what Shakespeare did when he left school, probably at the age of 14, as was usual. Their first child, Susanna, was born in May Twins, Hamnet and Judith, were christened in February From until , very little is known about Shakespeare. Shakespeare turned to writing poetry. The sonnets were also written about this time, though they were not published until They performed at court more often than any other company. These players probably sparked his interest in the stage, and he may have entered the London theatre world though contacts made with them in Stratford. In , he bought New Place, one of the largest properties in Stratford. In , he is listed as a resident of Chapel Street ward, in which New Place was situated. In , when his father died, he may also, as the eldest son, have inherited the two houses in Henley Street. He also bought a cottage and more land in Chapel Lane. When he died in , he was a man of substantial wealth. Judith Shakespeare, his younger daughter, married a vintner, Thomas Quiney in They had three sons: Shakespeare Quiney, who died in infancy; Richard and Thomas Sometime after , Shakespeare retired to Stratford. On 25 March , Shakespeare revised and signed his will. On 23 April, his presumed birthday, he died, aged Unlock his language using the same techniques our actors use in rehearsals.

Chapter 9 : Shakespeare life and works essay

The most famous of all English playwrights was born in Stratford-upon-Avon in William's father John was a wealthy merchant and a respectable member of the community within the small Warwickshire town. It appears the John's business interests may have taken a turn for the worse when William.

Only active as a writer for a quarter century, he wrote thirty-eight plays, one hundred fifty-four sonnets and two epic poems that reinvented and defined the English language to such a degree that his works are required study all over the world. He was born around in Stratford-upon-Avon to a middle-class merchant family and by the age of eighteen he was married with a child on the way. He would later father two more children. By he had become a successful actor and playwright in London and was famous among Londoners for the popularity of his plays. Shakespeare was an astute businessman as well as an artist. He recognized that he could broaden his audience by using characters and language that would appeal to both the noble and the lower classes. He mixed both bawdy and sophisticated humour to appeal to his larger audience. He also wrote about the human experience with universal themes of love, ambition and envy that are still felt and loved by modern audiences. The plays are often categorized as tragedies, comedies or histories. Tragedies featured sympathetic protagonists who were doomed by their flaws. Comedies tended to be more upbeat, with happy endings that often led to a marriage. The historical plays were frequently politically motivated to appeal to the Elizabethan court and featured British and Scottish kings. As an actor, Shakespeare was present during the production of his plays and therefore wrote them with very little stage direction. Dialogue was written in blank verse and iambic pentameter, meaning that each line of speech is ten syllables long and unrhymed. In his early works, lines were often stressed at the end. As his writing developed, Shakespeare gained an understanding that a more lyrical style of writing would hold the audiences interest and be more pleasing to the ear. He developed a characteristic cadence to his dialogue, stressing his lines in the second syllable to provide a rhythmic pattern to his speeches. Scholars often divide his work into periods based on different aspects of his writing style. The plays of this period are typically set in Roman and Medieval times. Period of Comedy Shakespeare developed his writing further, with scenes flowing more naturally. His comedy became more sophisticated and he set himself apart from other playwrights by the use of comic relief and mild humour in his tragedies. Period of Tragedy It was during this period that Shakespeare wrote his best historical dramas and relied on royal and powerful characters to demonstrate human weaknesses that were relatable to all classes of audience. His use of symbolism and social commentary became more pronounced in plays of this period, as is illustrated in *The Tempest*. Sonnets In , Shakespeare published his collection of one hundred fifty-four sonnets. Like his plays, the sonnets encompass many aspects of the human experience. Mortality is a strong theme, explored from the perspective of youth being encouraged to procreate to extend their lives to a future generation. Mortality is also examined as he writes about the lives of lovers growing old, death and about the brief nature of existence. The sonnets are constructed of fourteen lines, divided into three groups of four lines, called quatrains, and a final group of two lines called a couplet. Usually the mood of the sonnet changes in the third quatrain as the writer expresses a realization or sudden insight. All of the sonnets are written in iambic pentameter and the final word in each line follows an abab cdcd efef gg rhyming scheme. To this day, any poem written in this pattern is known as a Shakespearean sonnet. Shakespeare retired from writing in and died three years later at the age of fifty-two. Most of his works were published posthumously in