

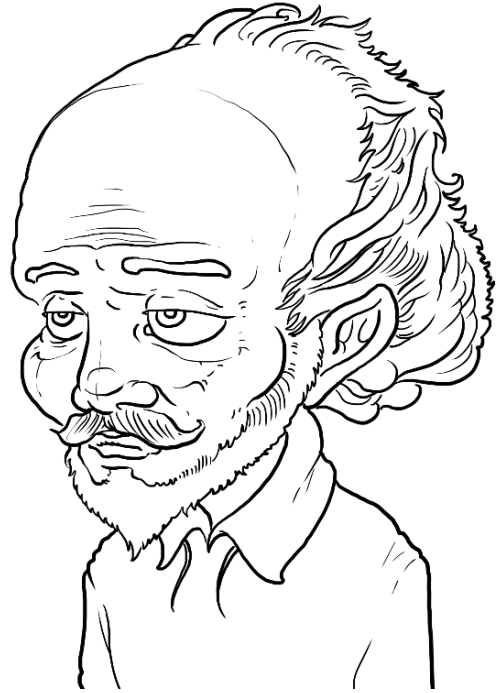
William Shakespeare

William Shakespeare was a writer. He lived a long time ago. He wrote plays which people still love today. Some people think he was the best writer ever.

His Life

William Shakespeare was born in 1564. His dad was called John Shakespeare and he made gloves. His mum was called Mary Arden. They lived in Stratford-upon-Avon.

William got married aged eighteen to Anne Hathaway. She was eight years older than him. They had three children. They were called Susanna, Judith and Hamnet. Hamnet died when he was eleven years old.



William Shakespeare

William moved to London in 1592 to be an actor. He wrote some plays. He also wrote some poems. He was in a group of actors.

People liked his plays. Even the Queen saw them! His writing made him rich. He got a big house in Stratford and a new house in London.

William died in 1616. He was fifty-two. He had written thirty-seven plays.

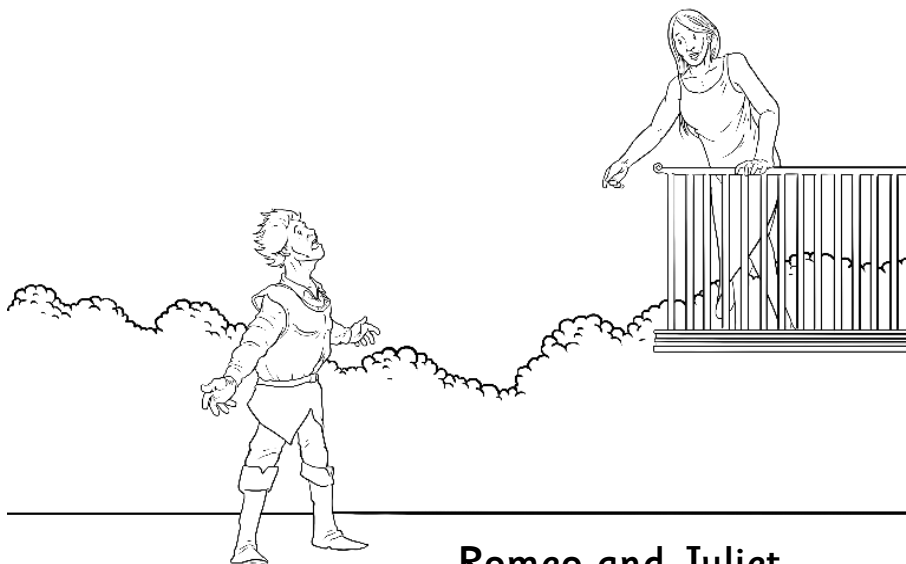
His Plays

Some of William's plays are happy and funny, some of them are sad and some of them are about old stories.

Here are some of his plays:

The Comedy of Errors – This is a funny play. It is about twins who get

mixed up. At the end they are happy.



Romeo and Juliet –
This is a sad play.
Romeo and Juliet
love each other but
they are not
allowed to. At the
end of the play
they die.

Richard the Third – This is a play about an old story. It is about a man who wants to be the king. He does lots of bad things. At the end there is a fight.

His Words

William made up words. He was also the first person to write the new words. Over 1,700 of them! Lots of things we say were made up by him.

Many people like what he wrote. He was very clever. His words can make people laugh and can also make people cry.

Shakespeare Today

Lots of people like William Shakespeare's plays. They are still acted out today. They are made into films and seen all over the world.

People like to learn about William's plays. They think about what he wrote and also about his life.

Now you can too!

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Match the information to the place where you find it in the text.

Romeo and Juliet

His Words

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Shakespeare Today

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house in London

His Plays

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His Life

What had happened by 1592?

Find and copy the names of Shakespeare's children.

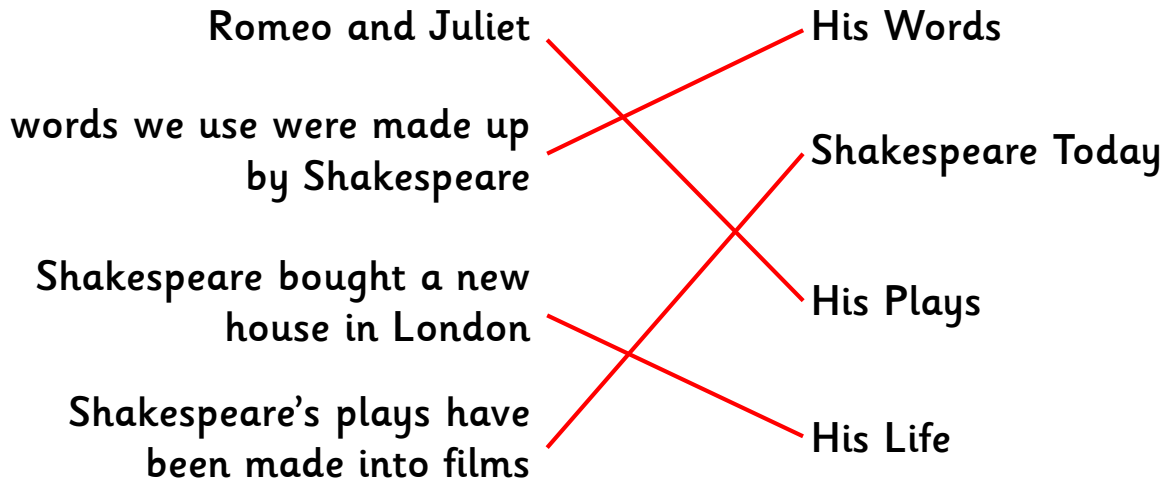
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Which of the three plays would you most like to see? Give a reason for your answer.

Which section was the most interesting? Why?

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What had happened by 1592? **Shakespeare had gone to London and was working as an actor and playwright.**

Find and copy the names of Shakespeare's children. **Susanna, Judith and Hamnet**

Was Hamnet a boy or a girl? How do you know? **A boy, because the author says 'he' died aged 11.**

Which of the three plays would you most like to see? Give a reason for your answer. **Various answers; must be justified.**

Which section was the most interesting? Why? **Various answers; must be justified.**