

SHAKESPEARE'S LIFE AND TIMES

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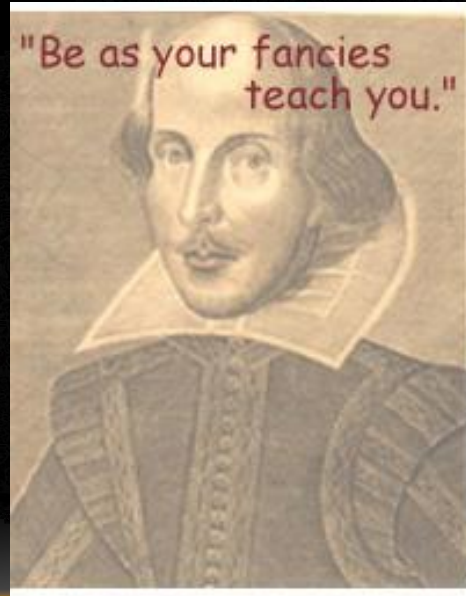
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William Shakespeare

The Bard



1564-1616



CHILDHOOD

- Born April 23 (we think), 1564
- Stratford-upon-Avon, England
- Father was a local prominent merchant



FAMILY LIFE



- Married Ann Hathaway 1582 (when he was 18, she was 26)
- Three children: Susanna born in 1583, twins Judith and Hamnet born 1585
- Hamnet died at age 11; the girls never had any children





1585-1592

THE LOST YEARS

- We have no records of his life during this time period
- It is speculated that he might have been a teacher, a butcher, or an actor to support his family.
- In 1592, he is in London, while Ann and the kids are still in Stratford-upon-Avon



1590'S

- Queen Elizabeth I ruled
- English explorers were crossing the ocean to the New World
- And travelers coming to England LOVED watching plays...

