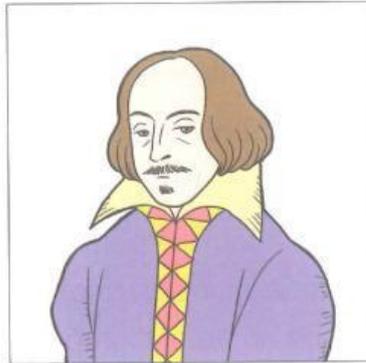




Read the story about William Shakespeare. Then answer questions 9 to 12.



William Shakespeare was born in 1564 in Stratford-upon-Avon, England. He came from a wealthy family, but his family's wealth declined when he was a teenager. He started working at a theater when he was around 18 years old. He learned stage acting while he was running errands at the theater. Then he became a playwright when he was 26 years old. At that time, England supported artists in developing their art, so Shakespeare was able to demonstrate his talents. His life as a playwright underwent a crisis when the Black Death struck Europe from 1592 to 1594.

Millions of people died from the disease, and theaters were closed during that time. However, Shakespeare kept on writing plays, and his work finally achieved recognition 200 years after his death. He wrote 37 comedies and tragedies, and his most well-known plays are *Hamlet*, *Othello*, *King Lear*, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, *Romeo and Juliet*, and *The Merchant of Venice*.

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9. Where was William Shakespeare born?

- (A) In the United States of America
- (B) In England
- (C) In Malaysia

10. What was his job?

- (A) Movie director
- (B) Recording engineer
- (C) Playwright

11. What type of plays did he write?

- (A) Comedy
- (B) Science fiction
- (C) Non-fiction

12. What does the word declined mean?

- (A) Increased
- (B) Decreased
- (C) Arose

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You finished the reading part.