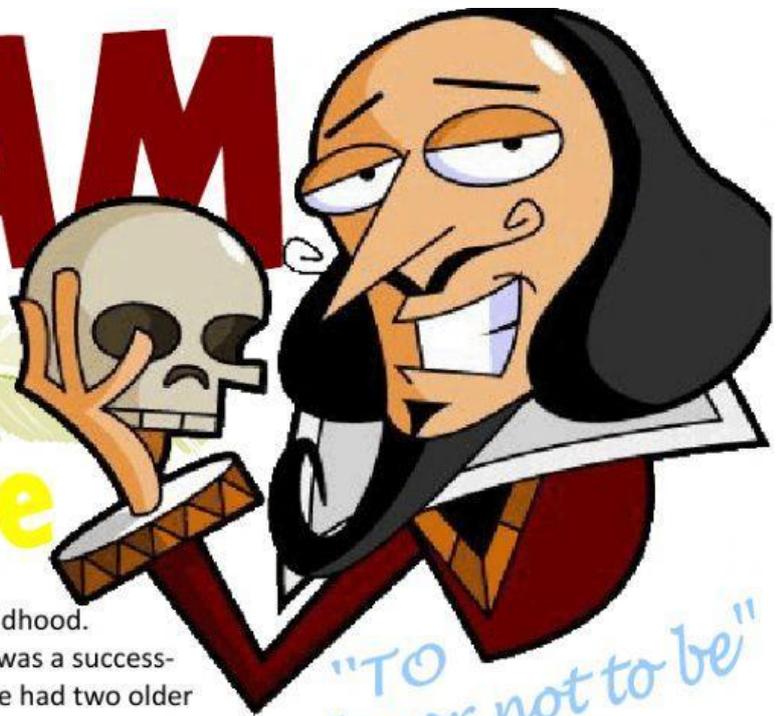


# WILLIAM

# Shakespeare



"TO be or not to be"

Very little (1) \_\_\_\_\_ about William Shakespeare's childhood.

He was born in London (2) \_\_\_\_\_ 1564. William's father was a successful leather merchant. He was the third of six children, he had two older sisters and three (3) \_\_\_\_\_ brothers. He went to the local grammar school (4) \_\_\_\_\_

he learned about poetry, history, Greek, and Latin. When William (5) \_\_\_\_\_ eighteen he married Anne Hathaway. Anne was eight years older than William. They (6) \_\_\_\_\_ had a family including a daughter named Susanna and twins named Hamnet and Judith.

(7) \_\_\_\_\_ William and Anne had the twins, there are no records of the next several years of his life. (8) \_\_\_\_\_ often refer to these years as the "lost years." There are lots of theories and stories about what William (9) \_\_\_\_\_ during this time. He and his family eventually (10) \_\_\_\_\_ in London where William was working at the theatre. William was part of an acting company (11) \_\_\_\_\_ Lord Chamberlain's Men. An acting company in England at this time worked together to (12) \_\_\_\_\_ plays.

Shakespeare wrote plays for the Lord Chamberlain's Men. He worked as an actor (13) \_\_\_\_\_. His plays became very popular in London. (14) \_\_\_\_\_ of Shakespeare's early plays include *The Taming of the Shrew*, *Richard III*, *Romeo and Juliet*, and *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. (15) \_\_\_\_\_ early plays were put on at a theater called the "Theatre". Many of Shakespeare's greatest plays (16) \_\_\_\_\_ in the last half of his career. These included *Hamlet*, *Othello*, *King Lear*, and *Macbeth*. His success in the theatre made Shakespeare a (17) \_\_\_\_\_ man. He purchased a large home in Stratford for his family.

Shakespeare also became famous (18) \_\_\_\_\_ his poetry. His most famous poem of the time was *Venus and Adonis*. Shakespeare is considered to be one of the (19) \_\_\_\_\_ writer of the English language. He is also one of the most influential. Through his works, he is credited with (20) \_\_\_\_\_ nearly 3,000 words to the English language. In addition, his works are (21) \_\_\_\_\_ most often quoted after the Bible.

Choose the correct answer

1) a- knows

b- is known

c- are known

2) a- at

b- in

c- on

3) a- younger

b- youngest

c- young

4) a- which

b- whom

c- where

5) a- turned

b- got

c- entered

6) a- next

b- before

c- soon

7) a- After

b- Before

c- By the time

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| 8) a- Scientists    | b- Historians  | c- Artists     |
| 9) a- had done      | b- was doing   | c- is doing    |
| 10) a- ended up     | b- ended down  | c- ended       |
| 11) a- calling      | b- call        | c- called      |
| 12) a- put up       | b- put down    | c- put on      |
| 13) a- as well      | b- likewise    | c- either      |
| 14) a- All          | b- Some        | c- Any         |
| 15) a- That         | b- Those       | c- These       |
| 16) a- were written | b- wrote       | c- are written |
| 17) a- famous       | b- wealthy     | c- proud       |
| 18) a- with         | b- in          | c- for         |
| 19) a- greatest     | b- great       | c- greater     |
| 20) a- to introduce | b- introducing | c- introduce   |
| 21) a- the first    | b- the third   | c- the second  |