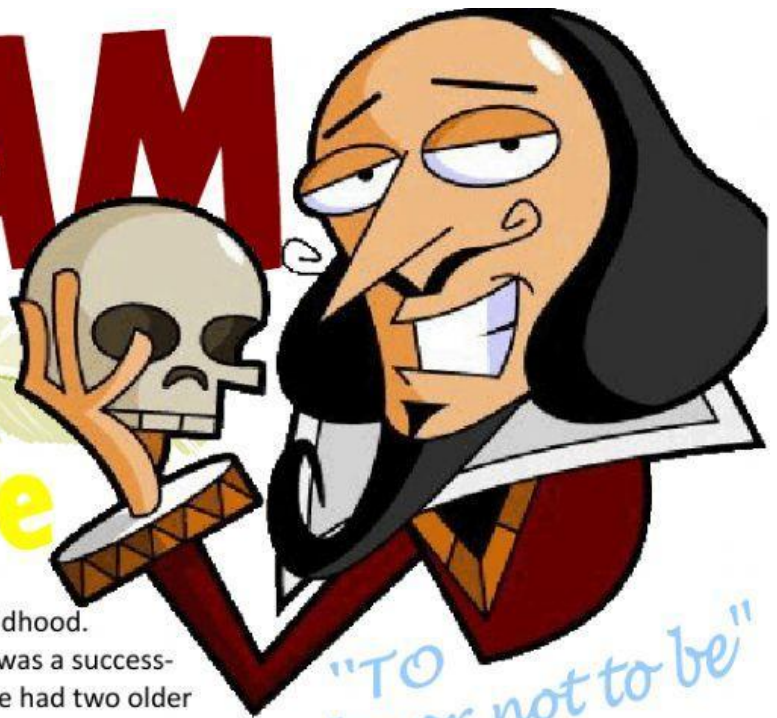


WILLIAM

Shakespeare



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 |