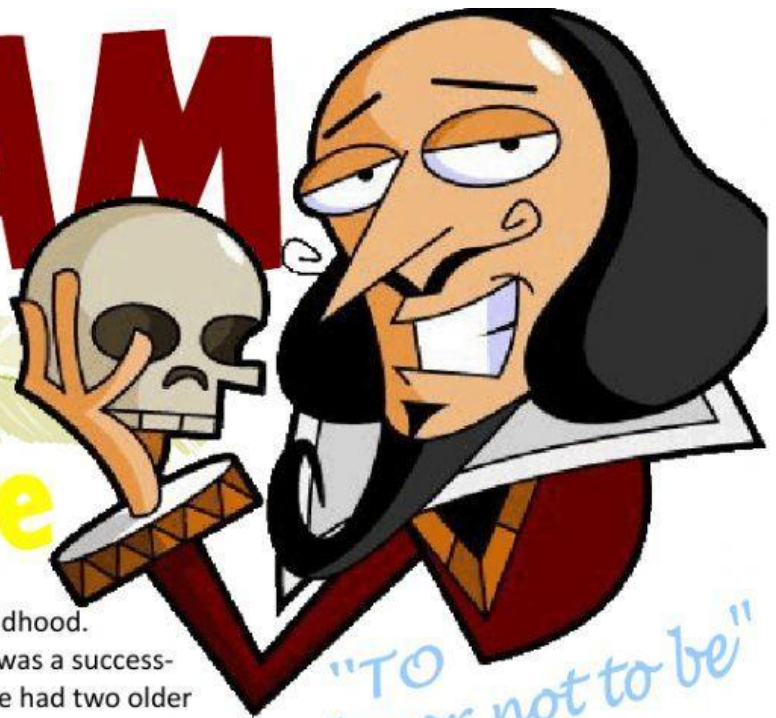


WILLIAM

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 |