

## PUT THE ARTICLES WHERE NECESSARY

William Shakespeare, \_\_\_ greatest English playwright, was born in 1564 in \_\_\_ Stratford-upon-Avon in \_\_\_ England. \_\_\_ Stratford is \_\_\_ small country town in \_\_\_ farming district near \_\_\_ centre of \_\_\_ England. \_\_\_ Avon, which is \_\_\_ pretty river with \_\_\_ grass and \_\_\_ trees all along its banks, runs through \_\_\_ Stratford. Not much is known of \_\_\_ Shakespeare's father. He was \_\_\_ farmer who, at \_\_\_ different times of his life, sold \_\_\_ meat and bought and sold \_\_\_ wool. He was poor and was often in \_\_\_ money difficulties. Very little is known about \_\_\_ life of his only son William also. \_\_\_ little house in which \_\_\_ great writer was born still stands. It is now \_\_\_ museum. William went to \_\_\_ school in \_\_\_ Stratford. In 1586 he went to \_\_\_ London. Probably \_\_\_ first work he did there was at one of \_\_\_ the two theatres that there were in \_\_\_ London at that time. Then he became \_\_\_ actor and soon began to write \_\_\_ plays for \_\_\_ company of actors to which he belonged. Shakespeare bought \_\_\_ largest house in his home town in 1597, but he did not spend much time there till 1610. He spent \_\_\_ last years of his life mostly in \_\_\_ Stratford, but he often visited \_\_\_ London. He died in 1616.