

The Life of William Shakespeare
A&E Biography

1. By what nickname is William Shakespeare known?
2. The value of Shakespeare's writing is his _____ into the human experience.
3. Who was ruler of England during Shakespeare's life?
4. Shakespeare was born in the year _____ on _____.
5. He was born in _____, England.
6. He was the _____ child of _____ and _____ Shakespeare.
7. What was William's father's occupation?
8. What was the primary language studied by young Shakespeare?
9. What ancient writer influenced Shakespeare?
10. What was Shakespeare's first experience with theater?
11. Shakespeare married _____ because she was _____. He was _____; she was _____ years older. They were married in _____.
12. Shakespeare had three children-list them:
13. Shakespeare went to London during the _____. This time is called the lost years.
14. In 1592, Shakespeare worked in London as a _____ and _____.
15. What subjects were used for his sonnets?
16. What did the "dark lady" represent?
17. Shakespeare wrote ___ plays in ___ years.

18. What was most likely Shakespeare's daily schedule?

Morning: _____

Afternoon: _____

Evenings: _____

19. Shakespeare most likely wrote in pubs to save _____.

20. Shakespeare's marriage was most likely _____.

21. In London, theaters were often closed due to _____.

22. In 1596, tragedy struck when _____ died at age _____.

23. What did this death mean to Shakespeare?

24. In the late 1590s, Shakespeare's plays took on a greater _____, like that found in the play _____.

25. How were the theaters viewed by society?

26. In what part of London would you find the theaters?

27. What was the name of Shakespeare's theater?

28. He owned _____ percent of the theater.

29. What was the first play performed there?

30. What difficulties did Shakespeare have to overcome to present his plays?

31. _____ was the tool Shakespeare used to create his great masterpieces.

32. He had to rely on the _____ of the audience.

33. Women's parts were played by _____ and _____.

34. How did Shakespeare describe himself?

35. Where did he get the subjects for his plays?

36. In 1603, who became ruler of England?

37. The new title of the acting troupe became _____.

38. What reward was he given for his life's work?
39. Shakespeare's work shows that he had an interest in _____
_____.
40. His work began to show _____ like in *King Lear*.
41. In his Middle Age, Shakespeare showed a new interest in his _____.
42. The last play Shakespeare wrote alone was _____.
43. What even changed his life in 1613?
44. What was unusual about William Shakespeare's will?
45. How old was Shakespeare when he died?
46. What was ironic about the day of his death?
47. When he died, Shakespeare's plays hadn't been published. In what year were they published?
48. The publication was published under the title _____ and contained _____ of his _____ plays.
49. All of the plays were written for the _____ of the Elizabethan stage.
50. Shakespeare is most well known as a supreme _____ of _____.