

Year 7 Homework

Objectives

To investigate and research the life and times of William Shakespeare.

TASK: You must research into the life of William Shakespeare. Using library books and the Internet, find the answers to the following questions.

1. Apart from writing plays, what else did Shakespeare write?
2. Where, and in what year was Shakespeare baptised?
3. Which date is celebrated nowadays as Shakespeare's birthdate?
4. What does this day also celebrate?
5. What was Shakespeare's father and mother's name?
6. Shakespeare's father came to be prosperous and influential in his home town of Stratford. What office in local public affairs did he hold?
7. What was Shakespeare's wife's name? How much older than her husband was she?
8. William and his wife had three children. What were their names and when were they born?
9. What natural disaster struck London between June 1592 and June 1594 which virtually closed down all the playhouses in London?
10. In 1594 Shakespeare joined a famous group of actors in London. What was the group known as?
11. Name two of the London theatres operating in Shakespeare's time?
12. Name five well known plays which William Shakespeare wrote?
13. How many plays did he write altogether?
14. Shakespeare bought a fine house, 'New Place' in 1597. Which town was this home in?
15. When did Shakespeare die and how old was he?

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