William Shakespeare is internationally recognized as one of the greatest literary geniuses in history.  He was an English playwright, poet and actor.

William Shakespeare was born on 23rd April 1564 in Stratford upon Avon in England. His father , John, was a successful glove-maker and had a workshop in the house.William was one of eight children; four boys and four girls. He went to school in Stratford, but he’d left school by the age of 16. At 18, William married the 26-year-old Anne Hathaway, and they had three children, a daughter Susanna, and twins Hamnet and Judith. Hamnet died when he was just 11.

We know that in 1592 Shakespeare was living in London. He was writing plays and acting in theatres. But we don’t know when he left Stratford, or how he became a playwright. At this time, the theatre was extremely important, and by the time he died in Stratford at the age of 52, Shakespeare was a successful and wealthy man.

In 1594, Shakespeare joined Lord Chamberlain’s Men, the London acting company that he worked with for the duration of his career. Later called the King’s Men, it was considered the most important troupe of its time and was very popular by all accounts.

By 1599, Shakespeare and several fellow actors built their own theater, which they called the Globe Theater.

Known throughout the world, Shakespeare’s works—at least 37 plays, 154 sonnets, and 2 narrative poems. His 37 plays had been performed for audiences from royalty to the poor in theatres in London, and around the country. Shakespeare produced most of his known works between 1589 and 1613.

Early in his career, Shakespeare was able to attract the attention and patronage of Henry Wriothesley, the Earl of Southampton, to whom he dedicated his first and second published poems: Venus and Adonis (1593) and The Rape of Lucrece (1594).

Many of Shakespeare’s first plays were histories. All three Henry VI plays, Richard II, and Henry V dramatize the destructive results of weak or corrupt rulers and have been interpreted by drama historians as Shakespeare’s way of justifying the origins of the Tudor Dynasty. Other histories include Richard III, King John, the two Henry IV plays, and Henry VIII.

Shakespeare wrote comedies throughout his career. There are:  As You Like It .*The Two Gentlemen of Verona*,*The Comedy of Errors*, *Love’s Labour’s Lost*, *The Merry Wives of Windsor*, *Twelfth Night*, *Measure for Measure*, and *All’s Well That Ends Well*

He then wrote mainly [tragedies](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shakespearean_tragedy), among them [*Hamlet*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hamlet), [*Romeo and Juliet*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Romeo_and_Juliet), [*Othello*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Othello), [*King Lear*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/King_Lear), and [*Macbeth*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Macbeth), all considered to be among the finest works in the English language.

 Today, Stratford is a town dedicated to Shakespeare’s life and work. It’s home to Shakespeare’s birthplace and museum, and the Royal Shakespeare Theatre.Visitors come there from all over the world to learn more about Shakespeare’s life.

The Globe used to be one of the biggest theatres in London and since its restoration in 2000, audiences there have been able to experience what going to the theatre used to be like 400 years ago. In 2011 the Royal Shakespeare Theatre in Stratford was transformed to provide the best possible venue for bringing Shakespeare to a wider audience.

Shakespeare uses about 20000 words throughout his 37 plays . That’s not a huge number today but when he was writing, it was. And it’s possibly not what the words are but it’s how creatively he uses those words that is his genius.

Although he died nearly 400 years ago, his plays and poetry are still studied by 50 per cent of all school students around the world, both in his native English and in translation.

Short William Shakespeare Quotes from Famous Plays

“All’s well that ends well.”

“To be, or not to be: that is the question”

“Strong reasons make strong actions.”

“Nothing will come of nothing’’

“We have seen better days.”

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