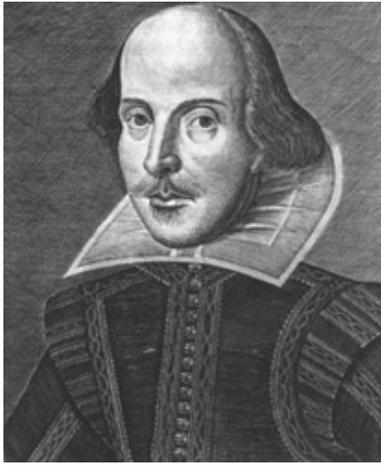


Can you answer all the questions below? Use the internet to find out all about **me** (Will Shakespeare)! Use the table at the end of this booklet to make a note of useful web sites.



# Will Shakespeare

## *Quill to Keyboard*

### Treasure Hunt

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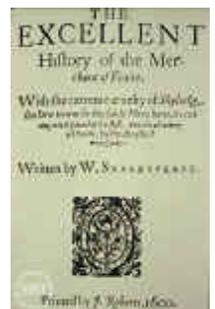
Find a picture of me and download it!

#### A. My life

1. Where and when was I born?	2. What date did I die? How old was I?
3. How many brothers and sisters did I have?	4. What were my parents' names?
5. Who did I marry in Nov 1582? How many children did we have?	6. Where did I live for most of my life?
7. What <u>3</u> professions am I famous for?	a. b. c.

#### B. My works

1. How many plays did I write?	2. What else did I write?
3. I wrote all sorts of plays. Fill in the table below with at least 2 examples of each type:	



a. The histories	
b. The comedies	
c. The tragedies	
d. Romances	
e. The problem plays (or tragicomedies)	
4. What is the main difference between a Shakespearean comedy and a Shakespearean tragedy? (Hint: What happens at the end?)	

## C. My language

*To be or not to be...*

1. What was the form of English I used to write my plays?	2. Many quotations from my works are now very famous (no wonder – I <i>was</i> a pretty good writer). Can you find or think of three? Make sure you say which play they are from too!
3. What is the difference between poetry and prose?	
4. Did people really speak the way they do in my plays?	
5. Some of the words I used have different meanings today or have never been heard of. Fill in the chart below:	6. Sometimes I shortened words. Can you work out what the proper versions of each of these might be?
<b>AFEARED</b>	'tis
<b>CONSTANT</b>	ope
<b>COT-QUEAN</b>	o'er
<b>DIG-YOU-GOOD-DEN</b>	gi'
<b>FESTINATELY</b>	ne'er
<b>GORBELLIED</b>	i'
<b>HAPPILY</b>	e'er
<b>HUGGER-MUGGER</b>	oft
<b>LASS-LORN</b>	a'
<b>MELL</b>	e'en
<b>NICE</b>	7. How many words did I use? How many do you use today?
<b>PARD</b>	
<b>RASCAL</b>	
<b>SANS</b>	
<b>SAW</b>	

## D. My theatre

- 1a. Which theatre company did I join in 1594?
- 1b. What did we change our name to later? Why?



2. I then spent 5 years working for this theatre group and saved enough to make an important investment – buying a share in a theatre. Which one? Find a picture of it and download it!	
3. Who played my female roles? Why?	
4. Where did I get my ideas from?	5. How did my plays get handed down to you?

## E. My times

1. Which two monarchs reigned while I was alive? What was each period called?	2. What caused all the theatres in London to be closed down between 1593 and 1594? What happened to the theatre companies at this time?
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