**Shakespeare biography**

**Today I would like to outline the biography of William Shakespeare.**

**William Shakespeare** was an English poet, play writer, and actor. He was born in Stratford-upon-Avon and baptized there on 26 April 1564. His actual birthdate remains unknown, but is traditionally observed on 23 April, St George's Day. William Shakespeare was the son of John Shakespeare, an alderman elder man and a successful glover originally from Snitterfield, and Mary Arden, the daughter of a landowning farmer. He had two younger sisters Anne and Joan. William also had three younger brothers Gilbert, Fichard, and Edmund. By the age of thirteen William had to squit going to school because his father needed him to work at their family business.

William went to grammar school, called "The King's New School of Stratford-Upon-Avon, where he would have studied Latin and read classical literature. William attended School six days a week for nine hours each day. As a child William had also had fun, he would play many games with his friends, many games of which children still play today. Such as: blindman's bluff, hide-and-seek, and tag. He didn’t go to a university.

By the age of eighteen, William was married to Anne Hathaway. After marrying Anne, she spent the rest of her life in Stratford. Anne was twenty-six years old; which means that there was an eight-year difference between the two. In order to get married, he had to get permission from his mother and father, because at the time the marrying age was twenty-one years or older.

Anne also got her parents blessing. Williams family and Anne's family had known each other for many years prior to the engagement. Anne was pregnant three months before the wedding. They both moved into Will's house on Henley Street. Six month's later they gave birth to their first child, and named her Susanna. Two years after William and Anne had Susanna, Anne gave birth again, but this time to twins. Their names were Judith and Hamnet. Shakespeare's only son, Hamnet, died in 1596 at the age of 11. His older daughter Susanna later married a well-to-do Stratford doctor, John Hall. Their daughter Elizabeth, Shakespeare's first grandchild, was born in 1608. In 1616, just months before his death, Shakespeare's daughter Judith married Thomas Quiney, a Stratford vintner.

Shakespeare produced most of his known work between 1589 and 1613. Shakespeare wrote plays and poems. His plays were mostly in the genres: comedies, histories and tragedies. His 17 comedies include *A Midsummer Night’s Dream* and *The Merry Wives of Windsor*. Among his 10 history plays are *Henry V* and *Richard III*. The most famous among his 10 tragedies are *Hamlet*, *Othello*, and *King Lear*. Shakespeare’s best-known poems are *The Sonnets*. There were 154 sonnets. The first was published in 1609.

In Shakespeare’s final years he invested much of his wealth in purchases in Stratford and bought the second-largest house in town, in 1597.-+–

Shakespeare died at the age 52 of unknown causes on April 23, 1616.