

**The greatest playwright William Shakespeare was  
born in 1564  
on the 23d of April.**





The birthplace of Shakespeare was a small town Strardford on Avon not far from London.





William was born in the family of a rather rich trader and a farmer.



**He went to Grammar school. It was very good school for that time.  
There was not any information about this time.**



There was no theatre in Strardford on Avon Only travelling group of actors appeared from time to time. It was the most favourite occupation of young Shakespeare.



Soon his father ruined himself and William left school.  
Probably he helped his father at that time.  
William married at the age of 18.  
Probably he had to do it.  
After some months the first child was born.  
It was Susan his first daughter.  
Then, there were twins:  
a boy and a girl.  
Soon after that  
William Shakespeare  
left for London.  
And he came to his family  
only to the end of his life.





It was the time of the plague in London. And the theatre was closed. He wrote his first play “Henry the Sixth”.

**In 1594** the theatre began working. And Shakespeare began acting and continued writing plays.

The theatre of that time was placed on the bank of the river Thames, far from the centre.





In 1599

Shakespeare formed his own theatre. He was the owner, an actor and a playwright

It was **the theatre Globe.**





The performances were taking place outdoors at those times.

Shakespeare's plays were a great success with people. Many rich people came to see them . Shakespeare had already written his **Richard the Third, Taming the Shrew.**



In 1601 he began writing his tragedies with Hamlet. Then there was his undying Othello, King Lear, Macbeth and others.  
In 1613 he came back to Strardford.

**Shakespeare died in 1616, on the day of his birth. (23d, April)**

**In 1879 the Theatre Globe was opened in his native town. Only plays by Shakespeare are played there.**







**The first "Covent Garden Theatre" in London was built in 1732. It was burnt down in 1808 and rebuilt exactly a year after. It was opened in September 1809, with Shakespeare's "Macbeth".**

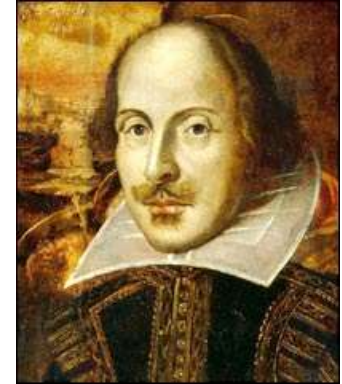
# Tell about the greatest playwright.

## Answer the questions:

- When and where was W. Shakespeare born?
- What was his childhood?
- When did he marry?
- What do you know about his life in London?
- When did he begin writing?
- What did he write?



...travelling  
actors....favourite  
occupations



family of  
ed him



...married at the age 18  
...had three children  
...left for London (

## Answer the questions:

- What do you know about his life in London?
- When did he begin writing?
- What did he write?



ne  
94...  
working...  
bank of ...

..in 1613 came back...

...died ...on the day of his birth  
1616

...in 1879 the Memorial theatre ..

..in 1601 ...his first tragedy Hamlet

..undying Othello ...