

WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE

(1564-1616)



William Shakespeare was born in April 1564, in Stratford, near London. He lived during the Renaissance period.

His parents were John and Mary.

He attended the local Grammar school, where he learnt Latin and the classical writers.

When he was only eighteen, he got married and he had three children.

During the period of the bubonic plague he wrote sonnets, lyric poetry and private plays.

He began writing when he was 25 years old and he wrote

38 plays including comedies, tragedies and histories. The most famous plays are: **ROMEO AND JULIET**, **HAMLET** and **OTHELLO**.

He is also known for his many sonnets. Shakespeare wrote 154 sonnets.

Most of Shakespeare sonnets speak about love and time.

Shakespeare had a period of depression during his life for the stress of writing Hamlet.

But in 1608 he changed his style from the tragedy to the light and music.

He died when he was 52 years old and was buried in the local church of Stratford.