

William Shakespeare

An Introduction

After watching the two introductory videos of Shakespeare, complete the short fill-in-the-blank biography of William Shakespeare. After I post the answer key, you can give yourself a mark out of /20.

William Shakespeare was born on _____ in _____, England, where he attended _____ School. At 18 he married 26th year old _____. They had a daughter named Susanna, and a set of twins named Hammet and Judith. His son _____ died at a young age. Shakespeare's company _____ changed its name to _____ when _____ became its patron in _____. Shakespeare is better known as a playwright, poet and an actor, but he was also a very good _____. In 1599, his company built their very own theatre by the Thames river, and called it _____. He wrote poetry, comedies, _____, and historical plays. The themes of his plays were usually around love, power and friendship. He wrote tragedies like _____, _____, and Othello. But he created historical plays too. He was inspired from historical events and wrote plays such as: _____, _____, and King Lear. Many of his plays are still performed today. His plays are written in the poetic meter called _____. Shakespeare created many new words that we still use today such as: _____ and _____. There is no official death certificate, but many scholars believe that he died on his birthday _____.

