**William Shakespeare**

-Baptized on April 26th, 1564 in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

-third child of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Shakespeare and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Arden (m. 1557). His two older sisters died in infancy, but there were three brothers and at least two other sisters who lived into childhood.

-John Shakespeare was well off: dealt in farm products and wool, owned property and was alderman, high bailiff and chief \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

-No records of Shakespeare's education. This is significant because we don’t actually know what kind of education he received so it’s hard to tell if he is actually completely \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for his plays. He probably went to the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ school though.

**Adult Life**

-At \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, he married Anne Hathaway, who was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

-1583: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ was born.

-1585: Twins \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ were baptized.

-The time immediately after his marriage is unknown. He may have been an apprentice \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, a teacher, or a provincial company actor.

-Eventually ran away to London to join a company. He started as a stage hand, also known as a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and then worked his way up.

-He was established by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Some Family Dates**

-August 11, 1596: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Shakespeare's son, is buried.

-October 20, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_: John Shakespeare given a coat of arms.

-September 9, 1601: John Shakespeare buried.

-September 9, 1608: Mary Shakespeare buried.

-June 5, 1607: Susanna Shakespeare married Dr. John Hall (their daughter is named \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_).

-February 10, 1616: Judith Shakespeare marries Thomas Quiney during Lent without a license and is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

-March 25, 1616: Shakespeare revises his will. He leaves his second best \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to his wife.

-April 25, 1616: Shakespeare \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Shakespeare the Writer**

-His first plays seem to have appeared in the early 1590s.

-1593: First published work is "\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_," a poem.

-\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_: His book of sonnets was published.

-1594: "\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_" is performed.

-1595: Shakespeare and his company, the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, are paid to perform for the Queen.

-1599: The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Theatre is founded.

-Post-1603: The Lord Chamberlain's Men became the King's Men in honour of King \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ I.

-There are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ plays usually attributed to Shakespeare. Six of these have been questioned as to whether he actually wrote them.

-154 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ are attributed to him.

**A Midsummer Night’s Dream**

-The play was first published in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. It was later republished in 1619 and again in 1623 in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

-The play is a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, which means it has a happy ending.

-It may have been written in honour of a wedding or in honour of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

-It is more original than some of the other plays, but inspiration was drawn from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ like Chaucer and Ovid.