**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.

-1594: "The Rape of Lucrece" appears. There is believed to be an increase in poetry at this time because of an outbreak of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ closed all the theatres.

-\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_: 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.

-Several plays were published during Shakespeare's life time, such as Titus Andronicus, Henry VI (Parts II and III), and a pirated edition of Romeo and Juliet, but 18 are known only because they appeared in a collected volume called the First Folio, which was published in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

-Plays weren’t published at the time because they were written quickly for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ production, collaboration happened a lot, and they weren’t thought to be reading material.

-The theatre companies owned the rights to the play and they were only usually published if the company disbanded, they needed \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or the play didn’t do so well and needed to be defended against criticism.

-Sometimes \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ editions were circulated and these happened when a single member of the company wanted money or someone copied down the play.

**Shakespeare’s Works and a Bit of Controversy**

-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.

-Some people believe there was no way he could have written the works.

-Collaboration was common, and it's likely that he worked with other \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ at least on some of the works.

**Shakespeare’s England**

-There was a rise of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ class during Shakespeare's age.

-London was a walled city with a population of about \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

-There were no \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or drains, so the city was smelly and so were the people.

-\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and bloodletting were common treatments for illness.

-The major church was the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Church created by Henry \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and furthered by his daughter Elizabeth I.

**Elizabeth I**

-reigned 1558-\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

-youngest daughter of Henry VIII, and only daughter of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

-preceded to the throne by her younger brother, Edward VI, and older sister, Mary I, or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Mary.

-Elizabeth was known as the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Queen as she never married or had any children.

-Elizabeth avoided naming an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for a long time, which worried her subjects because if she died without an heir there would be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

-Eventually, Elizabeth named James \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Scotland as her heir.

**James I**

-reigned 1603-\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

-son of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Queen of Scots, who was executed by Elizabeth I in 1587 for treason.

-James first ruled Scotland as James VI and then took the rule of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in 1603, joining the two countries for the first time.

-November 5, 1603: Roman Catholics angry over fees for not attending Protestant services levied against them, plotted to blow up the parliament and James with them. This is called the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Plot.

-They stored a large amount of gunpowder in the cellar, but the plot was discovered and the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ were arrested and executed.

-He believed that kings and queens were chosen by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Macbeth**

-first printed in 1623 in the First \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

-based on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ "Chronicles of England, Scotland and Ireland." Shakespeare made many changes to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ account in his adaptation.

-written in honour of James I, who was the patron of Shakespeare's theatre \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

-James was very interested in the supernatural and wrote two books about \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

-Several of the characters are ancestors of James: Duncan, Malcolm, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and Fleance.

-The play itself is considered cursed by some actors, as many accidents have happened during performances and is often referred to as "The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Play."