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William Shakespeare (1564 – 1616)

After 1606–1607, Shakespeare wrote fewer plays, and none are attributed to him after 1613. Shakespeare died on 23 April 1616 and was survived by his wife and two daughters.

He was born in Stratford-upon-Avon and baptised there on 26 April 1564. His actual date of birth remains unknown, but is traditionally observed on 23 April, St George's Day. This date, which can be traced back to an 18th-century scholar's mistake, has proved appealing to biographers, since Shakespeare died 23 April 1616. He was the third child of eight and the eldest surviving son.

From 1594, Shakespeare's plays were performed by the Lord Chamberlain's Men, a company owned by a group of players, including Shakespeare, that soon became the leading playing company in London. After the death of Queen Elizabeth in 1603, the company was awarded a royal patent by the new king, James I, and changed its name to the King's Men.

After the birth of the twins, Shakespeare left few historical traces until he is mentioned as part of the London theatre scene in 1592. It is not known exactly when Shakespeare began writing, but contemporary allusions and records of performances show that several of his plays were on the London stage by 1592. Biographers suggest that his career may have begun any time from the mid 1580s.

At the age of 18, Shakespeare married the 26-year-old Anne Hathaway. The ceremony may have been arranged in some haste, six months after the marriage Anne gave birth to a daughter, Susanna, baptised 26 May 1583. Twins, son Hamnet and daughter Judith, followed almost two years later and were baptised on 2 February 1585. Hamnet died of unknown causes at the age of 11 and was buried on 11 August 1596.

In 1599, a partnership of company members built their own theatre on the south bank of the River Thames, which they called the Globe. Some of Shakespeare's plays were published in quarto editions from 1594. By 1598, his name had become a selling point and began to appear on the title pages. Shakespeare continued to act in his own and other plays after his success as a playwright.

Tasks:

1. The parts of the biography have been jumbled, put them in correct order.
2. Answer the questions

What is special about Shakespeare's date of birth and death?

Why did he and Anne have to get married in haste?

What did Shakespeare do in London?

What was the name of the group that Shakespeare wrote for?

What was the name of the theatre they built?

Zdroj: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/William_Shakespeare