

- 1557 *William's parents, John Shakespeare and Mary Arden, were married.*
- 1564 *William was born in Stratford-upon-Avon.*
- 1571 *William started school.*
- 1582 *William married Anne Hathaway.*
- 1583 *William and Anne's first child Anne was born, five months after their wedding.*
- 1585 *William and Anne had more children, twins Judith and Hamnet.*
- 1585 *In the same year the twins were born, William started working in the theatre in London.*
- 1589 *After he started working in the theatre, William wrote his first plays.*
- 1596 *William and Anne's son Hamnet died, aged eleven.*
- 1597 *After Hamnet's death, William bought 'New Place', a big house in Stratford.*
- 1603 *William acted in a play at the theatre for the last time.*
- 1616 *William died in Stratford-upon-Avon.*