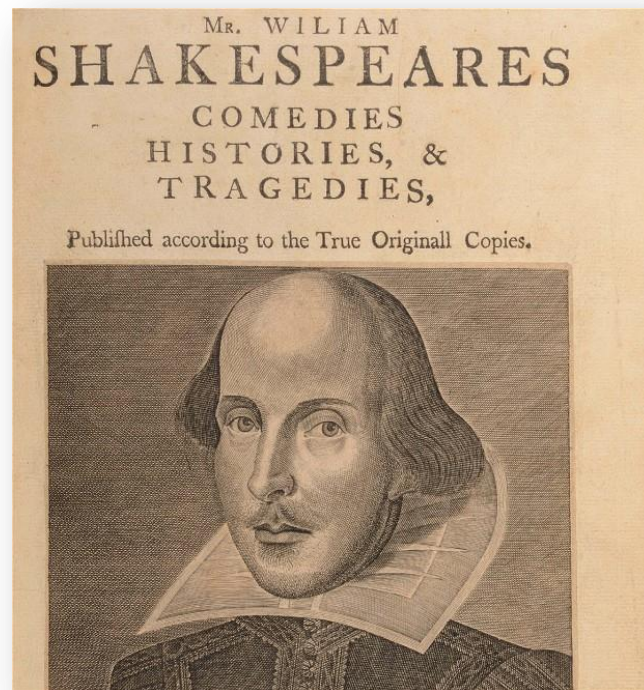


A SHAKESPEAREAN TIMELINE



- 1558 Elizabeth I crowned.
- 1564 William Shakespeare born.
- 1572 Actors not under the protection of a patron declared rogues and vagabonds.
- 1576 "The Theatre," the first public playhouse in London, opens.
- 1577 "The Curtain," London's second playhouse, opens.
- 1578 James VI (later James I of England) takes over government of Scotland.
- 1579 Publication of North's English translation of Plutarch's *Lives of the Noble Grecians and Romans*.
- 1580 Francis Drake returns in triumph from his voyage around the world; travelling players perform at Stratford.
- 1582 Shakespeare marries Anne Hathaway; Susanna is born six months later and the twins Hamnet and Judith in 1585.
- 1587 "The Rose" theatre opens in London. Mary Queen of Scots is executed.
- 1588 Spanish Armada defeated.
- 1589 Shakespeare finds work as an actor in London; he lives apart from his wife for 21 years.
- 1590-1591 *The Two Gentlemen of Verona*, *The Taming of the Shrew*.
- 1591 *2 Henry VI*, *3 Henry VI*.

1592	Thousands die of plague in London; theatres closed. <i>1 Henry VI, Titus Andronicus, Richard III.</i>
1593	<i>The Comedy of Errors.</i>
1594	Shakespeare becomes a shareholder of his theatre company, The Lord Chamberlain's Men.
1594	<i>Love's Labour's Lost.</i>
1595	<i>Richard II, Romeo and Juliet, A Midsummer Night's Dream.</i>
1596	Shakespeare's son, Hamnet, dies.
1596-1597	<i>King John, The Merchant of Venice, 1 Henry IV.</i>
1597-1598	<i>The Merry Wives of Windsor, 2 Henry IV, Much Ado About Nothing.</i>
1598	"The Globe" theatre built.
1598-1599	<i>Henry V, Julius Caesar.</i>
1599-1600	<i>As You Like It.</i>
1600-1601	<i>Hamlet, Twelfth Night.</i>
1601	Shakespeare's patron arrested for treason following the Essex rebellion; he is later pardoned.
1602	<i>Troilus and Cressida.</i>
1603	Queen Elizabeth dies and is succeeded by James I; Shakespeare's theatre company becomes the King's Men.
1603	<i>Measure for Measure, Othello.</i>
1604	Work begins on the King James bible.
1604-1605	<i>All's Well That Ends Well, Timon of Athens, King Lear (Q)</i>
★ 1606	Macbeth , <i>Antony and Cleopatra.</i>
1607	<i>Pericles, Prince of Tyre.</i>
1608	<i>Coriolanus.</i>
1609	<i>The Winter's Tale.</i>
1610	<i>King Lear (F), Cymbeline.</i>
1610	Shakespeare retires to Stratford-upon-Avon.
1611	<i>The Tempest.</i>
1611	King James version of the bible published.
1613	<i>Henry VIII (All is True), The Two Noble Kinsmen.</i>
1613	"The Globe" theatre burns down.
1616	Shakespeare dies in Stratford-upon-Avon.
1623	The first folio of Shakespeare's collected plays is published.

* some dates are approximate