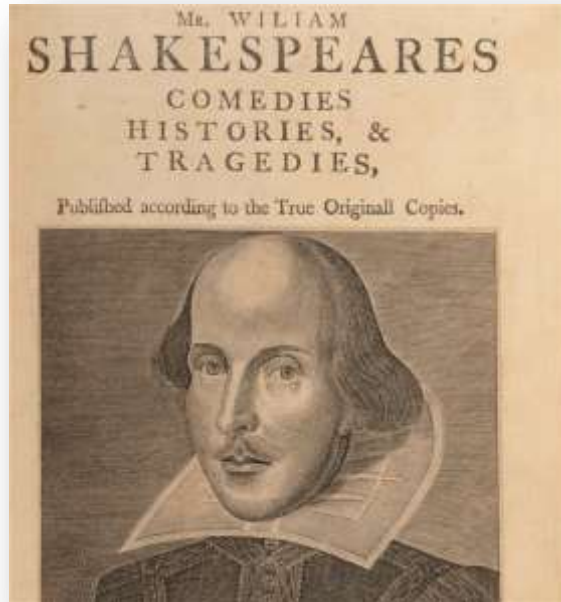


## A SHAKESPEAREAN TIMELINE



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| 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 <i>Lives of the Noble Grecians and Romans</i> .     |
| 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 | <i>The Two Gentlemen of Verona</i> , <i>The Taming of the Shrew</i> .  |
| 1591      | <i>2 Henry VI</i> , <i>3 Henry VI</i> .  |



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