

William Shakespeare

His personal life :

William Shakespeare was born and raised (from birth to adulthood) in Stratford Upon Avon, near Oxford, in England in 1564. He had a total of 7 siblings (=frères et soeurs). He was married at the age of 18 to Anne Hathaway (8 years older). He had 3 children : Susanna and twins (Judith and Hamnet).

He died on April 23rd, 1616 at the age of 52.

His professional life :

Shakespeare was known as "the Bard of Avon ". He had three occupations, he was :

- a playwright (= he wrote plays)

- an actor

- a poet.

He wrote 3 types of plays :

- comedies (the Comedy of Errors)

- histories (Julius Ceasar)

- tragedies (Romeo and Juliet)

Shakespeare wrote for a company (the Lord Chamberlain's Men).

A bard = un barde, un poète

A play = une pièce de théâtre

A playwright = un dramaturge

A comedy = une comédie

A tragedy = une tragédie

A history = une pièce historique