

William Shakespeare 1564-1616

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- 20:23 This is William Shakespeare. He is the most popular writer in the world – even though he lived over 400 years since.
- 20:31 Shakespeare grew up in this house in England.
He had many brothers and sisters.
- 20:45 At school the teachers were very strict!
But Will learned to write and read a lot.
- 20:54 Shakespeare had to help his father sewing gloves at the glove factory. And while he worked he dreamed of becoming an actor.
- 21:10 So he rushed over when travelling theatre troupes visited the town –he really wanted to see the performances.
- 21:27 Shakespeare just loved the theatre!
- 21:35 Later he married Anne –
- 21:40 and they moved to London.
- 21:48 Will could finally be an actor.
- 21:51 But the first time on stage he got so nervous– that he couldn't utter one single word.
- 21:59 So – he started writing plays instead.
He loved to write – and carried on both day and night.
- 22:08 He wrote about the prince, Hamlet.
- 22:21 And the sad love story about Romeo and Juliet – (who both die in the end).
- 22:38 Will wrote so many popular plays that both he and the actors became rich and famous.
- 22:47 Together they built a theatre called "The Globe"- where thousands of people saw his plays – and loved them.
- 22:55 Queen Elizabeth 1 (the first) was very strict with playwrights. She could even have people killed if she didn't like what they wrote.
Fortunately she loved everything William Shakespeare wrote.

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The English people are very proud of William Shakespeare. Movies have been made – and books written about him and his birthday is still celebrated. Just imagine – everything he wrote can be found in almost every language in the world.