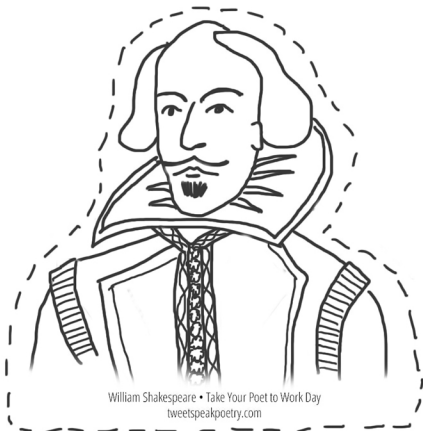


TAKE YOUR POET TO WORK DAY

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William Shakespeare

William Shakespeare, the “Bard of Avon,” was an English poet and playwright and is generally considered to be the greatest English-language writer.

He was born in 1564 in Stratford-Upon-Avon and married Anne Hathaway at the age of 18. He and Anne had three children.

By the late 1500s, Shakespeare was working as an actor and playwright in London, eventually building a theatre (The Globe) on the Thames River with his business partners.

Shakespeare is credited with authoring 38 plays including tragedies *Hamlet*, *Macbeth* and *Romeo and Juliet* as well as comedies *A Midsummer Night's Dream* and *Much Ado About Nothing*. He also wrote 154 sonnets (hence the Shakespearean sonnet style) and a pair of of narrative poems.

Because little is known of his personal history, and because of his limited academic credentials, speculation has arisen from time to time as to the actual authorship of work credited to him.

William Shakespeare died in 1616, leaving behind a long legacy of poems and plays, many of which have been reimagined in a variety of forms.

*All the world 's a stage, and all the men
and women merely players.
They have their exits and their entrances;
And one man in his time plays many parts.*

(from *As You Like It*)

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