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William Shakespeare: A Life of Drama

1. Shakespeare was born in the spring of _____.
2. Elizabethan baptisms took place _____ days after birth.
3. The year Shakespeare was born, Stratford was struck with a terrible outbreak of _____.
4. Shakespeare's father, John, was a _____ and a leatherworker.
5. Shakespeare's first taste of the theatre came from watching the _____.
6. Little is known about Shakespeare's early life and these years are known as "The _____ Years."
7. Shakespeare's wife's name was _____.
8. Shakespeare had _____ children.
9. By 1592, Shakespeare was in London making his way as an actor and writer. He wrote his first two plays, "Two Gentlemen of Verona" and " _____ " during this time.
10. Shakespeare's talent lay in his ability to write a _____ array of material.
11. The Earl of _____ was Shakespeare's patron and possibly lover.
12. Shakespeare's plays were popular, successful and above all _____.
13. Shakespeare produced _____ plays.
14. Shakespeare most likely wrote his plays in a/an _____.
15. Acting was officially banned during the _____ days of Lent.
16. At the height of the plague, it was killing _____ people a week.
17. A fascination with _____ resonates throughout Shakespeare's plays.
18. Shakespeare's son, Hamnet, died at age _____.
19. The first play performed at the Globe Theatre was " _____ ".
20. Shakespeare's audience relied on their _____.
21. Shakespeare described himself not as an actor or playwright, but as a/an _____.
22. All of Shakespeare's plays are based on _____ or ready-written fictions.
23. In 1603 James became King and Shakespeare's actors were then called _____.
24. During 1604-1607, Shakespeare wrote the tragedies, "Othello", "Macbeth", and " _____ ".
25. The last play Shakespeare wrote alone is " _____ ".
26. In _____, the Globe burned to the ground during the performance of "Henry VIII".
27. What did Shakespeare leave to his wife in his will? _____
28. Shakespeare died on his birthday at the age of _____.
29. Shakespeare's plays were first brought together in _____ and Ben Johnson is responsible for helping.
30. In 1899, the first _____ version of Shakespeare's play was made.