



Shakespeare Multiple Choice Quiz

Name / Team: _____

Question 1. In which year was William Shakespeare born?

- (a) 1534 (b) 1564 (c) 1594

Question 2. In which town or city in England was Shakespeare born?

- (a) Stratford-upon-Avon (b) Warwick (c) London

Question 3. What was his mother's maiden name?

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- (a) Mary Akle (b) Mary Bowden (c) Mary Arden

Question 4. How old was Shakespeare when he married Anne Hathaway?

- (a) 16 years old (b) 17 years old (c) 18 years old

Question 5. William and Anne had a daughter (Susanna) and also?

- (a) Twins (b) Triplets (c) Quadruplets

Question 6. During his lifetime, Shakespeare wrote a total of?

- (a) 28 plays and 144 sonnets (b) 38 plays and 154 sonnets (c) 48 plays and 164 sonnets

Question 7. By which year is it thought that William Shakespeare's plays were being regularly performed in London?

- (a) 1592 (b) 1596 (c) 1600

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Question 8. What was the name of the London theatre that Shakespeare is commonly associated with?

- (a) The World's Theatre (b) The Orb Theatre (c) The Globe Theatre

Question 9. Which play is generally accepted as being Shakespeare's first?

- (a) Taming of the Shrew (b) Henry VI (c) Romeo and Juliet

Question 10. In which play would you find the following quote?

"A pair of star-cross'd lovers take their life."

- (a) Henry V (b) Much Ado About Nothing (c) Romeo and Juliet

Now turn over for another ten quiz questions about William Shakespeare



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Question 11. In which play would you find the following quote?
"Rest, rest, perturbed spirit!"

- (a) The Merchant of Venice (b) Hamlet (c) Comedy of Errors

Question 12. In which play would you find the following quote?
"The quality of mercy is not strain'd, It droppeth as the gentle rain from heaven
Upon the place beneath."

- (a) The Merchant of Venice (b) Henry IV (c) Two Gentlemen of Verona

Question 13. In which play would you find the following quote?
"What angel wakes me from my flowery bed?"

- (a) A Midsummer Night's Dream (b) Titus Andronicus (c) Love's Labour's Lost

Question 14. In which play would you find the following quote
"When shall we three meet again, In thunder, lightning, or in rain?"

- (a) Taming of the Shrew (b) The Merry Wives of Windsor (c) Macbeth

Question 15. The play 'Macbeth' was influenced by the 1605 Gunpowder Plot. **True or False?**

Question 16. In which play would you find a character called Touchstone?

- (a) All's Well That Ends Well (b) As You Like It (c) King Lear

Question 17. In which play would you find a character called Starveling?

- (a) The Merry Wives of Windsor (b) Othello (c) A Midsummer Night's Dream

Question 18. In which play would you find a character called Lady Capulet?

- (a) Romeo and Juliet (b) The Tempest (c) Twelfth Night

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Question 19. How old was Shakespeare when he died?

- (a) 47 years old (b) 52 years old (c) 57 years old

Question 20. Where was William Shakespeare buried?

- (a) Stratford-upon-Avon (b) Westminster Abbey (c) There are no records that tell us.



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Answer Sheet

Answer 1: (b) 1564

Answer 2: (a) Stratford-upon-Avon

Answer 3: (c) Mary Arden

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Answer 4: (c) 18 years old

Answer 5: (a) Twins (Hamnet and Judith)

Answer 6: (b) 38 plays and 154 sonnets

Answer 7: (a) 1592

Answer 8: (c) The Globe Theatre

Answer 9: (b) Henry VI, Part 1 (believed to have been written around 1590)

Answer 10: (c) Romeo and Juliet

Answer 11: (b) Hamlet

Answer 12: (a) The Merchant of Venice

Answer 13: (a) A Midsummer Night's Dream

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Answer 14: (c) Macbeth

Answer 15: True

Answer 16: (b) As You Like It

Answer 17: (c) A Midsummer Night's Dream

Answer 18: (a) Romeo and Juliet

Answer 19: (b) 52 years old

Answer 20: (a) Stratford-upon-Avon (in the Holy Trinity Church)