



Shakespeare Quiz

Name / Team: _____

Question 1. In which year was William Shakespeare born? _____

Question 2. In which town was Shakespeare born? _____

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

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

Question 5. How many children did Shakespeare have? _____

Question 6. During his lifetime, how many plays and sonnets did he write?
_____ plays and _____ sonnets

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

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

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

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

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



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Question 11. In which play would you find the following quote?

"Rest, rest, perturbed spirit!" _____

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." _____

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Question 13. In which play would you find the following quote?

"What angel wakes me from my flowery bed?" _____

Question 14. In which play would you find the following quote

"When shall we three meet again, In thunder, lightning, or in rain?" _____

Question 15. Which historical event influenced the plot of 'Macbeth' ?

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

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

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

Question 19. How old was Shakespeare when he died? _____

Question 20. Where was William Shakespeare buried? _____



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Answer Sheet

Answer 1: 1564

Answer 2: Stratford-upon-Avon

Answer 3: Mary Arden

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Answer 4: 18 years old

Answer 5: Three (Susanna, and twins Hamnet and Judith)

Answer 6: 38 plays and 154 sonnets (sources may vary slightly)

Answer 7: 1592

Answer 8: The Globe Theatre

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

Answer 10: Romeo and Juliet

Answer 11: Hamlet

Answer 12: The Merchant of Venice

Answer 13: A Midsummer Night's Dream

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Answer 14: Macbeth

Answer 15: The Gunpowder Plot of 1605

Answer 16: As You Like It

Answer 17: A Midsummer Night's Dream

Answer 18: Romeo and Juliet

Answer 19: 52 years old

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