

Milliam Shakespeare 1564 - 1616



William Shakespeare-the great **English poet and playwright** amazing Renaissance. Today it is difficult to find a person who is not familiar with his work. "Romeo and Juliet", "hamlet", "Midsummer night's Dream" this is an incomplete list of worldfamous works of the author, which forever entered the list of masterpieces of classical literature.



William Shakespeare is the most popular English - speaking writer by Instagram users. Despite the fact that the writer lived and worked in the late XVI - early XVII century, the Instagram users put hashtags with his name 2 010 059 times. 1 515 950 references had on his works, and most popular, of course, "Romeo and Juliet".



The future poet was born in the small English town of Stratford, located on the river Avon. This event occurred in the family of John Shakespeare and Marie Arden, who belonged to a limited number of wealthy citizens. The head of the family earned his bread by making gloves. He was immensely respected and several times invited to the Board of the city.



It is interesting to note that the exact date of the birth of Wilma is still unknown. The only thing that can shed light on this mystery - the Church record of the baptism of the baby, which dates back to April 26, 1564. Historians suggest that it was made three days after the birth of the boy. It follows that April 23 - the date of birth and death of Shakespeare. A mystical coincidence, isn't it?



Nature has awarded the great poet not only a poetic gift. He had an exceptional memory and a brilliant mind. He was fluent in French, Italian and Spanish. Besides, he knew their dialects. How this is possible is unknown, because Shakespeare never left the borders of his homeland - England.



The facts of the biography of the great English playwright speak of his encyclopedic knowledge. He was very good at history, interested in politics, she was fond of music and painting, he mastered the whole stratum of botany.



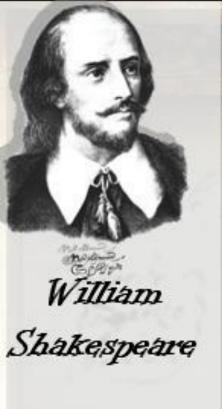
Shakespeare's interests were not limited to literary activity. His boiling energy spread to all possible and impossible sides: he brewed beer, engaged in renting housing. In his theater, he was one for all, did not shun even the dirtiest work: he guarded the horses in the stable of the theater, was a stage Director and actor. There is a version that he played the role of the shadow of the father of the Prince of Denmark - hamlet.

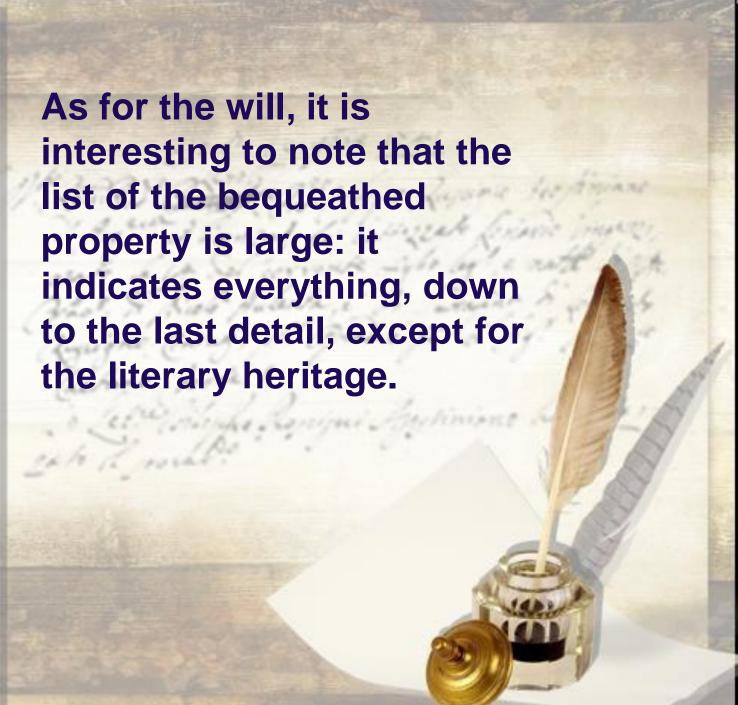


It is still unknown what religion he was-a Catholic or a Protestant. Scientists are inclined to believe that he as well as his father professed the Catholic faith, but carefully concealed it. The thing is that in those days the Catholic denomination in Protestant **England was under strict** prohibition. Catholics, in order not to be behind bars, were forced to pay off the reformer and secretly attend Church services.



Today Shakespeare's autographs are of great scientific interest. It's all about a very vague biography of the Creator of the great dramas and comedies. It turns out only six known signatures of Shakespeare, and they all delivered under poetic works by poets, and on official documents, like wills and mortgages on real estate.





In this regard, and many other circumstances in the first place goes the so - called "Shakespearean question": Shakespeare-the true author of the great plays or still a figurehead? Unfortunately, the researchers of the poet's work do not give a definite answer. The main thing in the other he enriched the English language with new words and stable expressions, and left behind a priceless - beautiful works that we have the happiness to read in Russian.

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