The life of William Shakespeare
William Shakespeare is born in Stratford-upon-Avon, England to Mary and John Shakespeare. He was their third child out of eight.
William begins Grammar School in Stratford at age 7.
At age 18 he marries a 26-year-old farmer’s daughter called Anne Hathaway.
William and Anne’s first child, Susanna, is born. She lives to the age of 66.
Anne gives birth to twins. The boy, Hamnet, sadly dies at age 11. The girl, Judith, lives to be 77 years old.
1585

Shakespeare leaves Stratford and goes to London to start his career in the theatre.
1593

Shakespeare begins writing *The Sonnets.*
He founds an acting company called The Lord Chamberlain’s Men.
Shakespeare writes the plays *Romeo and Juliet* and *A Midsummer Night’s Dream.*
1596-1597

William and Anne’s son, Hamnet, dies.
They buy a large house in Stratford called New Place.
The Globe Theatre is built in London.

Shakespeare is a part-owner of the new theatre.
The Globe Theatre burns to the ground.
The new Globe Theatre opens.
Shakespeare dies at the age of 52 after suffering a high fever for several days.

He is buried in Stratford-upon-Avon.