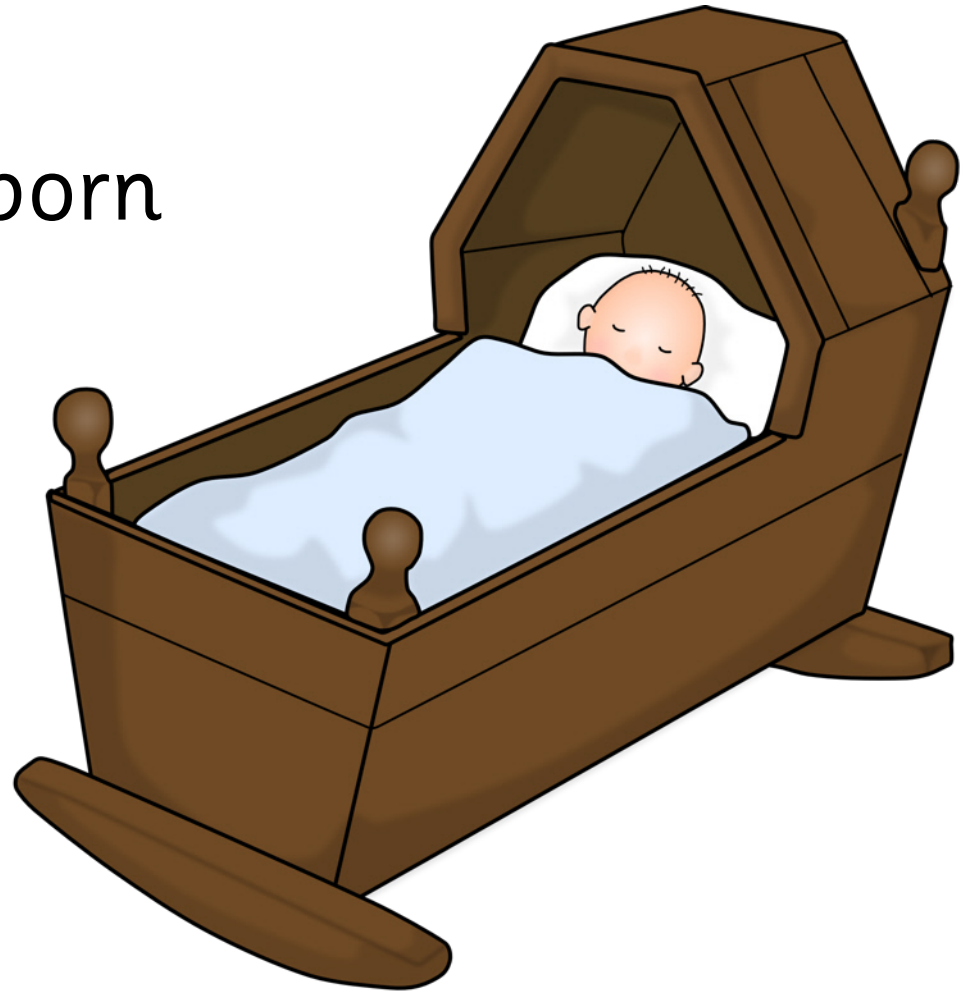


The life of William Shakespeare



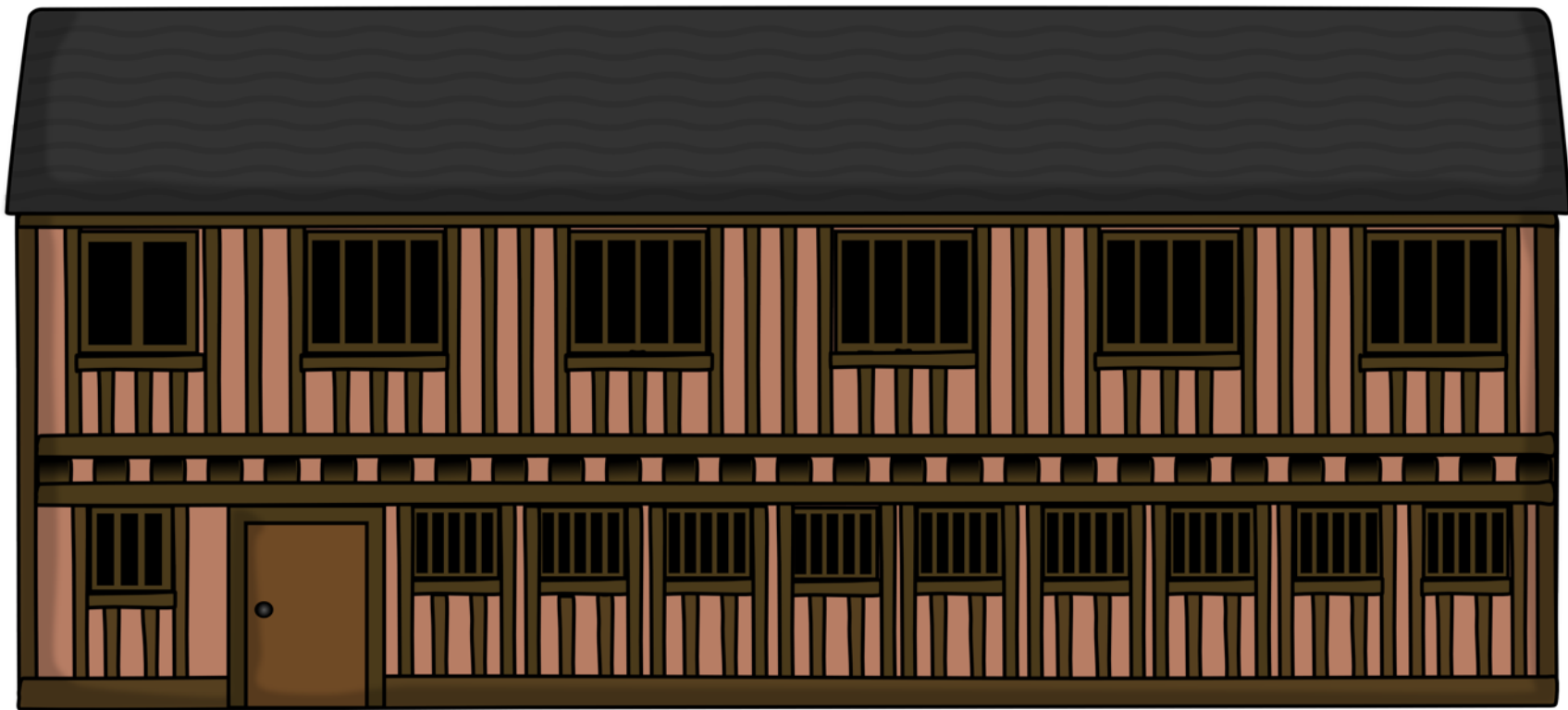
1564 23rd April

William Shakespeare is born in Stratford-upon-Avon, England to Mary and John Shakespeare. He was their third child out of eight.



1571

William begins Grammar School in Stratford at age 7.



1582 27th November

At age 18 he marries a 26-year-old farmer's daughter called Anne Hathaway.



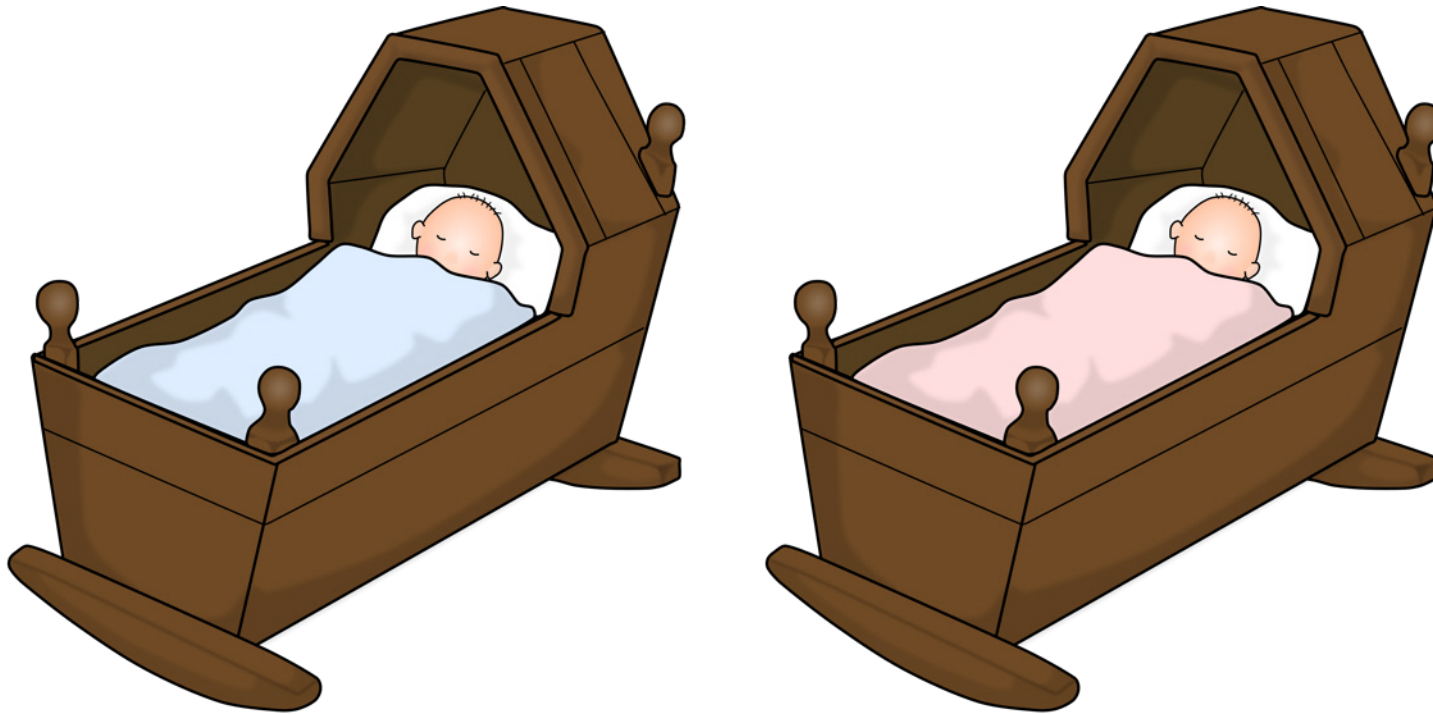
1583 26th May

William and Anne's first child, Susanna, is born. She lives to the age of 66.



1585 2nd February

Anne gives birth to twins. The boy, Hamnet, sadly dies at age 11. The girl, Judith, lives to be 77 years old.



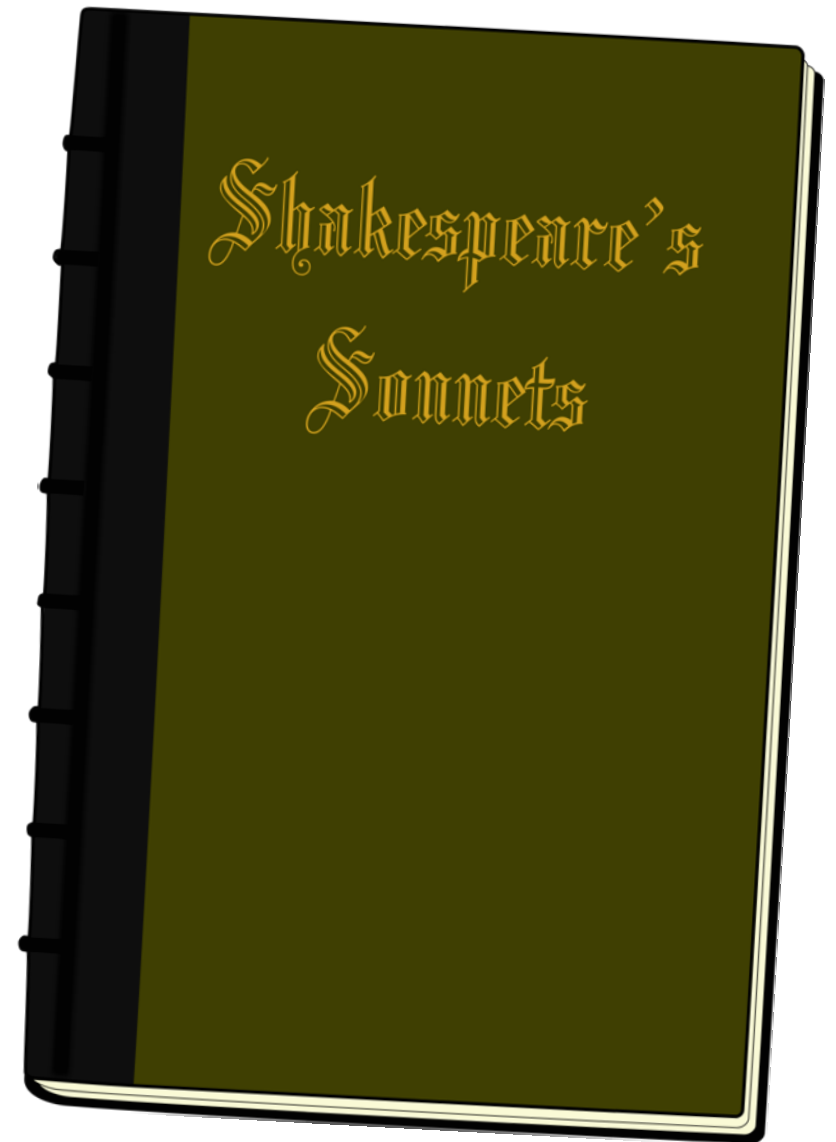
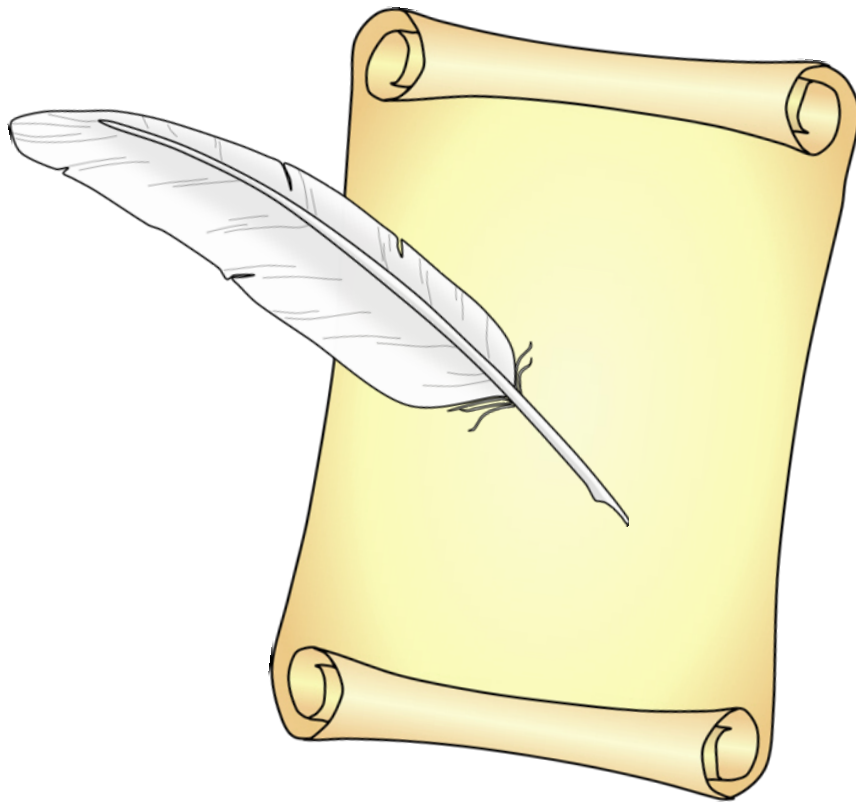
1585

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



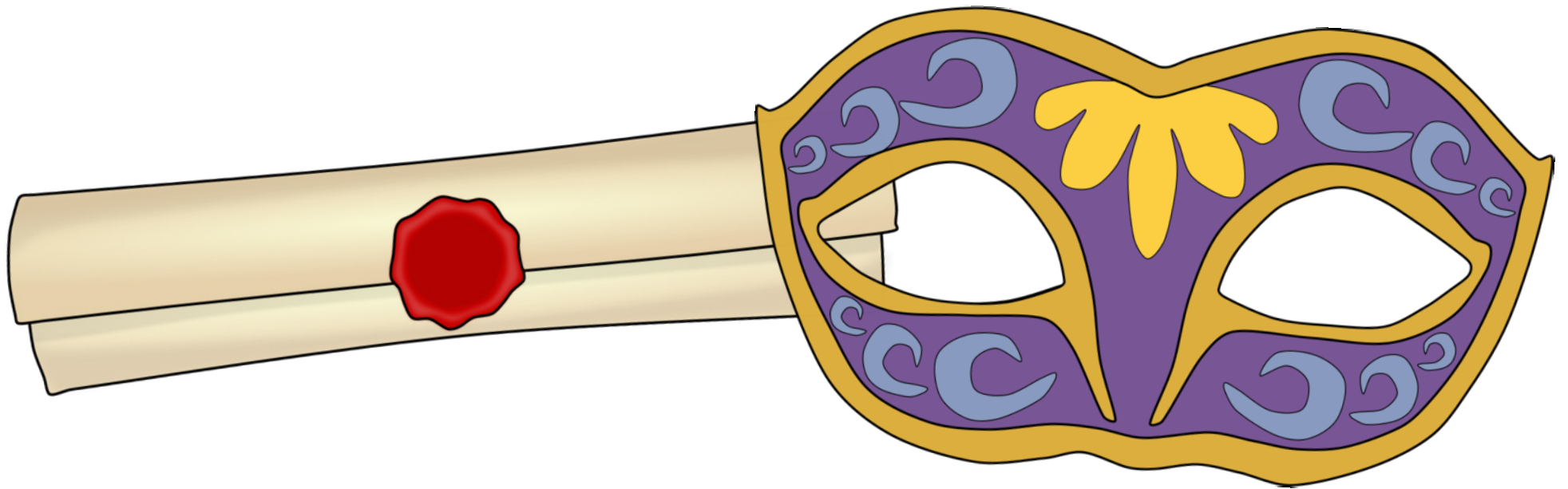
1593

Shakespeare begins writing
The Sonnets.



1594

He founds an acting company called
The Lord Chamberlain's Men.



1595

Shakespeare writes the plays *Romeo and Juliet* and *A Midsummer Night's Dream*.



1596-1597

William and Anne's son, Hamnet, dies.

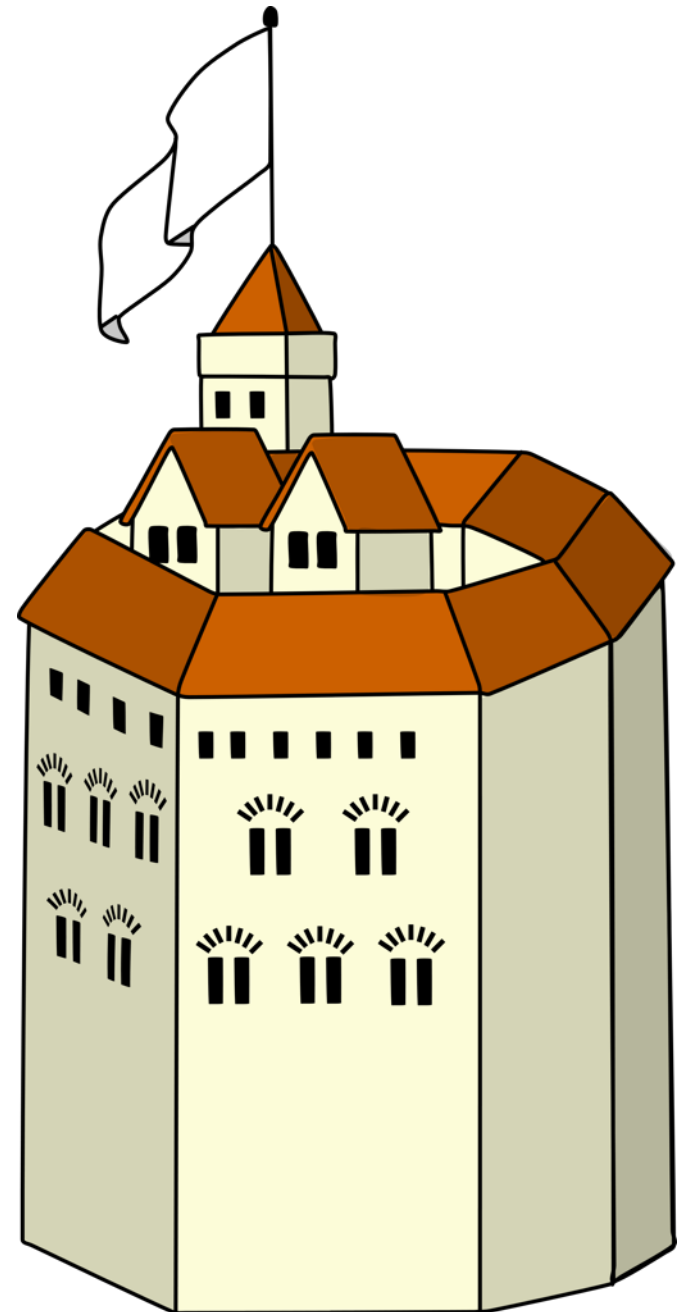
They buy a large house in Stratford called *New Place*.



1598-1599

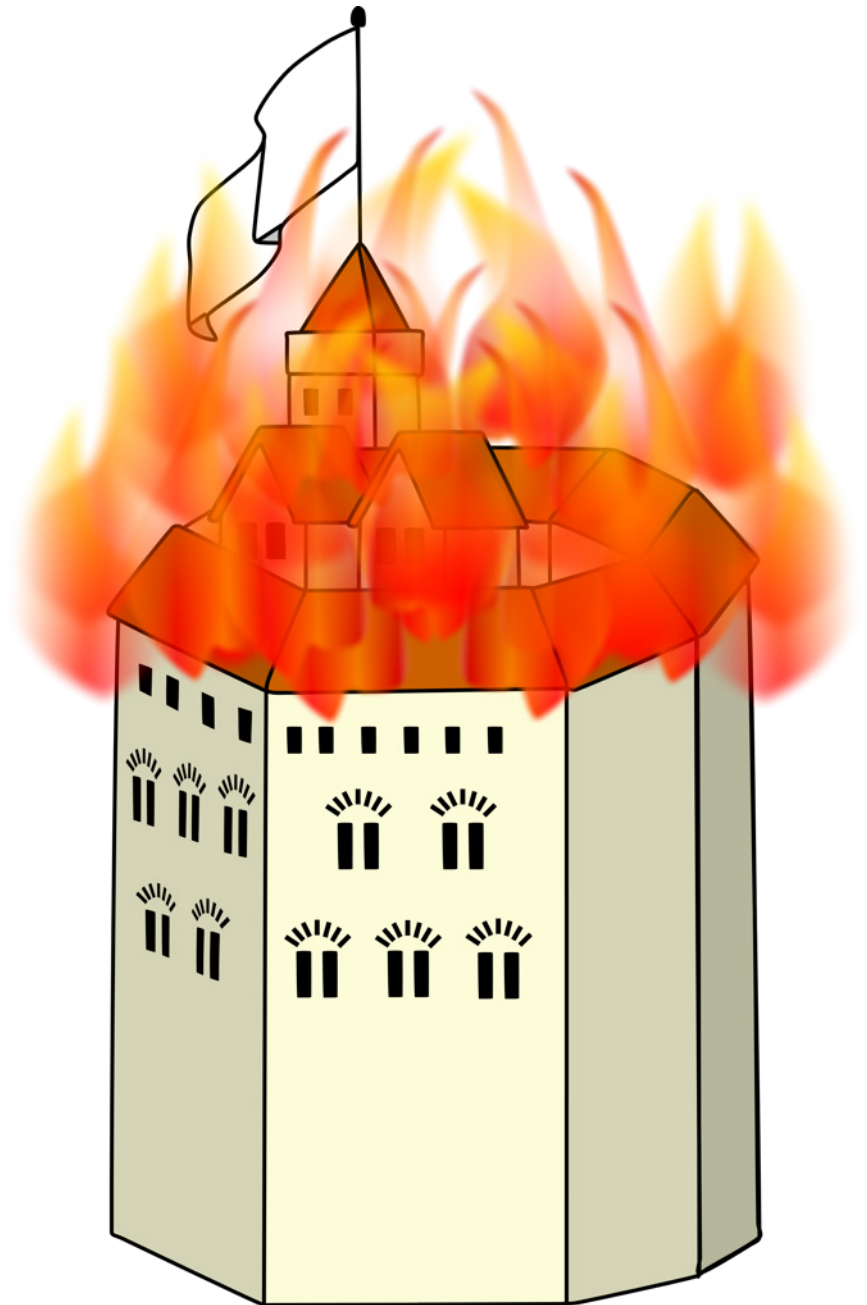
The Globe Theatre is built in London.

Shakespeare is a part-owner of the new theatre.



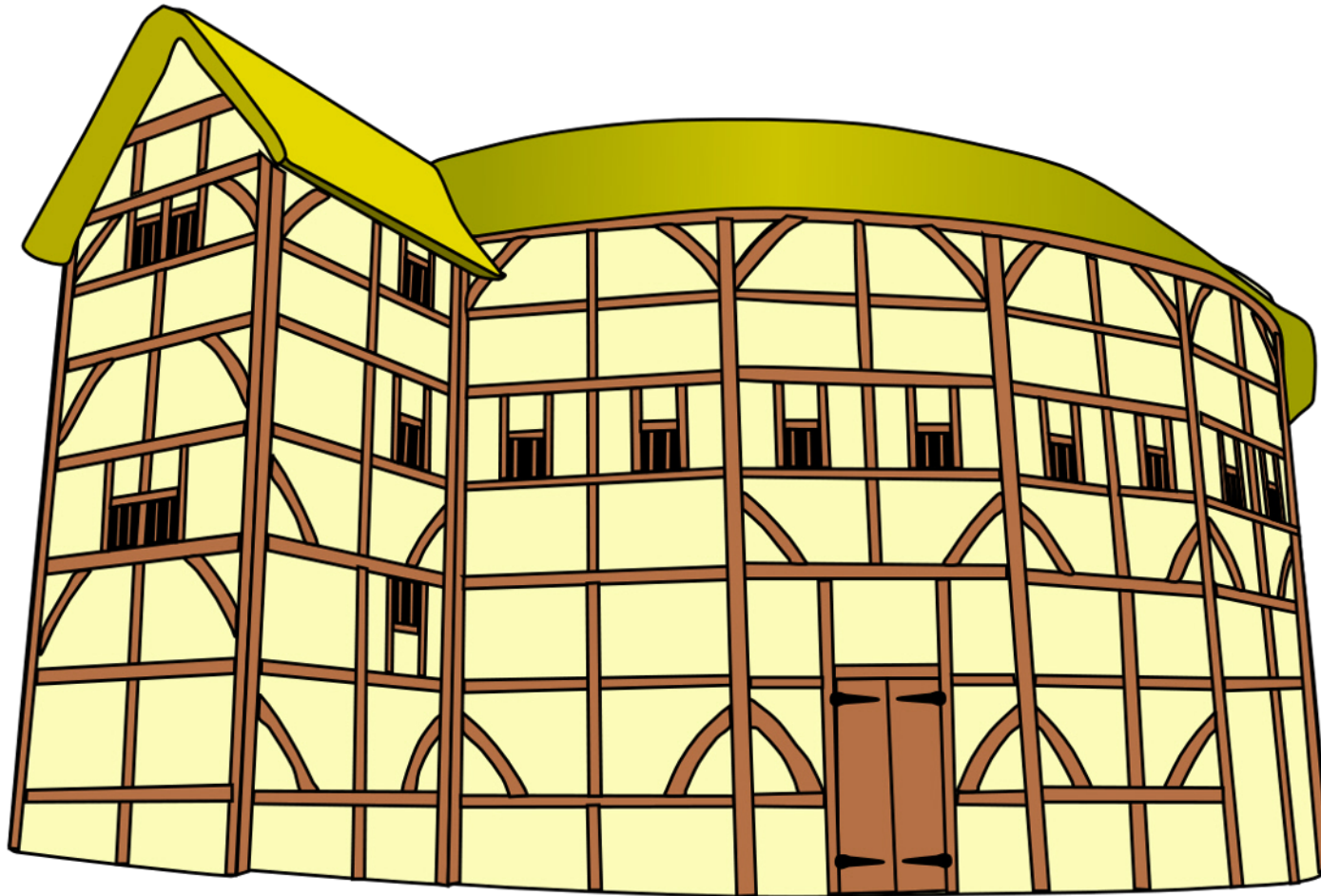
1613

The Globe Theatre burns
to the ground.



1614

The new Globe Theatre opens.



1616 23rd April

Shakespeare dies at the age of 52 after suffering a high fever for several days.

He is buried in Stratford-upon-Avon.

