

# Quotes and Insults in Shakespeare!



**REPEAT THESE QUOTES AFTER ME**

**(CAN YOU GUESS WHICH PLAY  
EACH LINE IS FROM?)**

To be, or not to be: that is the  
question.

- Hamlet

O Romeo, Romeo! Wherefore art thou  
Romeo?

- Romeo & Juliet

Is this a dagger which I see before me, The  
handle toward my hand?



- Macbeth

Once more unto the breach, dear friends, once  
more.

- Henry V

If you prick us, do we not bleed? if you tickle us, do we not laugh? if you poison us, do we not die? and if you wrong us, shall we not revenge?

- The Merchant of Venice

All the world's a stage,  
And all the men and women merely players;  
They have their exits and their entrances;  
And one man in his time plays many parts,  
His acts being seven ages.

- As You Like It

**FIND OUT ABOUT SHAKESPEARE'S LIFE**



# SHAKESPEARE: THE TIMELINE

**1564: BIRTH**

Shakespeare is born on or around April 23 in Stratford-upon-Avon.



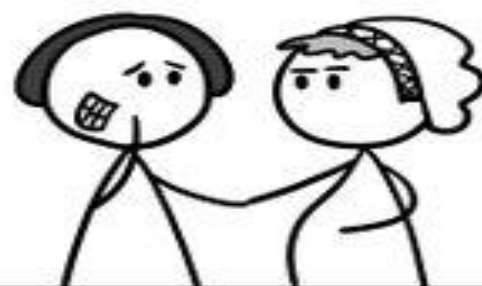
**1571: SCHOOL**

Probably started studies at Stratford's King Edward VI Grammar School.



**1582: MARRIED**

Marries Anne Hathaway, who is 3 months pregnant.



**1583 & 1585: KIDS**

Births of Susanna and twins Hamnet and Judith.



**1585-1592: LOST**

The Lost Years! No documentation of Shakespeare's activities during this period.



**1592: LONDON**

Emerges as established playwright in London, with several hit plays.



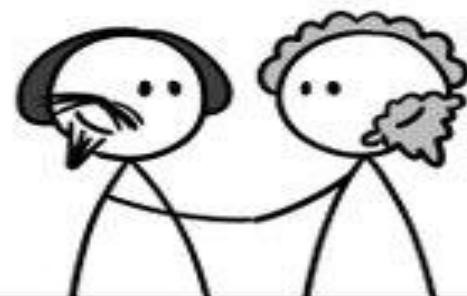
**1593 & 1594: POEMS**

Publishes Venus & Adonis and The Rape of Lucrece while all theatres are closed by plague.



**1594: COMPANY**

Becomes sharer and primary playwright of the newly-formed Lord Chamberlain's Men acting company.



### 1596: LOSS

Son Hamnet dies, aged 11. Cause of death unknown.



### 1597: REAL ESTATE

Sufficiently successful enough to buy New Place, the second largest house in Stratford.



### 1599: THEATRE

The outdoor Globe Theatre is built by the Lord Chamberlain's Men in Southwark.



### 1603: PROMOTION

James I becomes King of England and patron of the Lord Chamberlain's Men, now the King's Men.



### 1608: INDOORS

The King's Men start performing at the indoor, candle-lit Blackfriars Theatre during the winters.



### 1613: RETIREMENT

Stops writing plays and moves back to Stratford, where he is a prominent landowner and businessman.



### 1616: DEATH

Dies in Stratford on April 23, of unknown causes. Buried in Holy Trinity Church.



### 1623: IMMORTALITY

First Folio published by Shakespeare's friends, collecting and preserving his plays for posterity.



Shakespeare had some great insults!

**Repeat these lesser known lines.**

– Thou lump of foul deformity

(Richard III)

– A most notable coward, an infinite and endless liar, an hourly promise breaker, the owner of no one good quality.

(All's Well That Ends Well)

Thou leathern-jerkin, crystal-button, knot-  
Pate's, agatering, puke-stocking, caddies-garter,  
smooth tongue, Spanish pouch!

(Henry IV Part I)

Make an insult by combining one word from each of the three columns and prefacing it with ‘Thou’, for example,

**“Thou artless, base-court apple-john!”**

COLUMN 1	COLUMN 2	COLUMN 3
artless bootless cockered dankish frothy gorbellied infectious lumpish mewling puking ruttish unmuzzled vain weedy	base-court boil-brained clapper-clawed common-kissing dog-hearted flap-mouthed full-gorged half-faced ill-breeding onion-eyed pox-marked rump-fed sheep-biting urchin-snouted	apple-john boar-pig bum-bailey clack-dish codpiece foot-licker giglet harpy lout maggot-pie moldwarp pigeon-egg scut varlot