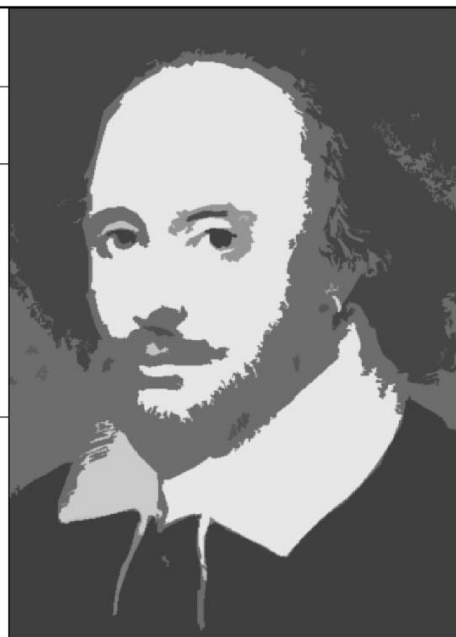


**Directions:** As you research this author, fill in the following information. If you run out of space on the grid for any of your answers, you may slightly lower the font size in the text box.



Date of birth: **April 26, 1564**

Nationality: **English**

Date of death: **April 23, 1616**

Education: **King Edward II school**

Cause of death: **Syphilis**

Title of breakout work, the first piece of writing that garnered attention:

**"Venus and Adonis" (1593)**

When was Shakespeare considered a success as a writer? Was he alive then?

**Yes, alive**

Names of two other important works by Shakespeare and their genres:

1. **"A Midsummer Night's Dream", comedy**

2. **"The Merry Wives of Windsor", comedy**

Two memorable characters created by Shakespeare:

1. **Romeo & Juliet**

2. **Lady Macbeth**

Four interesting facts I learned about William Shakespeare:

1. **The general consensus is Shakespeare wrote 37 plays in his lifetime**

2. **13 / 37 of his plays resulted in some sort of suicide in the story(ies)**

3. **Shakespeare stopped writing plays and turned to sonnets after a plague forced the closing of theatres**

4. **William Shakespeare had seven siblings**

Three adjectives to describe Shakespeare's life:

**Quaint, vindictive, vigorous**

Two adjectives to describe Shakespeare's literary works:

**Heavy, wild**

One meaningful quote from this author:

**"More is thy due than more than all can pay" - Macbeth**

Source: **Parade**

Describe a personal or professional obstacle Shakespeare faced:

**Experienced writer's block often in his later years**

Source/s of this information:

**Britannica**

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