

## Life & Times of William Shakespeare Part 1

Hello Guys, welcome to another podcast from Learning Without Borders. I am Richie Mulaney, and today I'll be talking about William Shakespeare's life as a follow up to The Life & Times of William Shakespeare. This is part 1 of William's life.

We believe him to be born in April 1564, and he lived in Stratford-upon-Avon as the son of a Alderman, which is an elected member of the city council, so he would have had the privilege of going to school.

Life at the Grammar school would have been very strict. School for William Shakespeare started at six o'clock in the morning and finished at five o'clock in the evening. Elizabethan Education was hard work! Education for William Shakespeare consisted of a five full days and a half-day on Thursday for 40 to 44 weeks of the year - 2,000 hours in school per year. (more than double the current school hours) There were also continuous examinations! A typical week at King Edward VI Grammar School for William Shakespeare would cover an examination on the previous Sunday's sermon on Monday and examinations on Friday and Saturday. The punishments were carried out on Fridays, prior to examinations. He would have studied Latin, and possibly Greek, but definitely classical studies of the time; Ovid, Plautus, Horace, Virgil, Cicero and Seneca

William left school at fourteen, we presume he worked locally in the town for approximately four years, until we have our next mention of William Shakespeare, at age eighteen, on paper; a marriage certificate to a farmer's daughter, Anne Hathaway, aged twenty-six! Now, in 1582 William married Anne Hathaway and on May 26th 1583 William's first child, Susanna, was baptised, just six months after her parent's marriage, must have caused a real scandal in the family! And then on February 2nd 1585 William Shakespeare's twins, Hamnet and Judith, were baptised! So with William at the head of a family of five, we enter the beginning of his seven lost years...

Join me for part 2 of his tale