WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE (1564-1616)

Work with the members of your group. Read the text and fill in the gaps with the missing verbs.

William Shakespeare _____ in Stratford-upon-Avon in 1564 on April 23rd. His father _____ a glove maker and an important man in the town. Shakespeare attended school and he _____ classical poetry, plays and history that later inspired his plays. He left school at the age of fourteen.

Shakespeare _____ Anne Hathaway in 1582, when he was only eighteen years old. The next year they _____ a daughter named Susanna. In 1585 they had twins: Hamnet and Judith.

Between 1585 and 1592 Shakespeare _____ a theatrical company. By 1592 he _____ a famous dramatist and actor in London. An outbreak of a deadly disease called "the plague" _____ the theatres in the early 1590s. Around this time Shakespeare began writing poetry and published his first poems.

The theatres _____ in 1594 and Shakespeare _____ to the stage as part of a troupe called "The King's Men". He stayed with this group for many years. He _____ as a dramatist and actor. In 1599 the company _____ "The Globe", a theatre near London. Shakespeare _____ some of his great tragedies and comedies around this time. He created *Hamlet*, *Othello*, *King Lear*, *Macbeth* and *Twelfth Night*.

Shakespeare's works _____ very popular. Even Queen Elizabeth I _____ to the theatre to see Shakespeare's plays!

Around 1610 Shakespeare returned home to Stratford-upon-Avon. He _____ there in 1616.

Shakespeare is considered the best playwright of all time. He wrote about 37 plays, including *The Taming of the Shrew*, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, *Romeo and Juliet*, *The Merchant of Venice*, *Much Ado about Nothing*, *As You Like it*, *Antony and Cleopatra*, *The Tempest*, …

"To be or not to be, that is the question" is probably the most famous line that Shakespeare ever composed. You can even find it in your Workbook! Where?