



Otázka: Famous people

Jazyk: Angličtina

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William Shakespeare

Is probably the greatest dramatist of England. He lived and worked in the 16th century .He was born on April 1564 in Stratford-upon-Avon. He was one of eight children of Mary Arden and John Shakespeare. He sold wool and barley, important products in the England of those times. His father was a respected man who took part in civic life.

School

William Shakespeare went to the local grammar school in Stratford. The „grammar“ schools were the most common form of education, and they were free. He would also have learnt the Catechism and studied the Bible.

Marriage

In 1582 he married Anne Hathaway from Shottery. He was only eighteen, Ann was eight years older. They had three children together – Susanna and the twins – Hamnet and Judith. In spite of his love for his family, he went to London in 1587 as it was only there that a man with his talents could get ahead and make a career for himself.

Death

He died on the same day as he was born. He was exactly 52 years old. He is buried at local Trinity Church, where he had been christened.

Shakespeare wrote: 37 plays and 157 beautiful sonnets, comedies, history plays and tragedies.

Comedies: *Comedy of Errors, A Midsummer-Night's Dream, Much Ado about Nothing*

History plays: *Henry IV, Henry V, Henry VI, Richard III Julius Caesar*

Tragedies: *Romeo and Juliet, Macbeth, Hamlet, King Lear, Othello.*

For example something about story of Romeo and Juliet:

It is about the unhappy love and death of Romeo and Juliet, the only children of two powerful houses of Verona – the House of Montague and the House of Capulet. These two houses hate each other and Romeo Montague meets Juliet at the ball. He falls in love with her although he knows that she is Capulet. They love each other very much and ask Friar Laurence to marry them. Their love and marriage are secret and by an unfortunate coincidence Romeo kills Tybalt who is Juliet's cousin. Prince of Verona sends Romeo to the exile outside Verona and young Juliet is forced to get married to a young nobleman called Paris. She asks Friar Laurence to help again and he gives her magic drops after which she falls asleep for several hours and looks as if she was dead. Romeo learns about Juliet's death in Mantua and hurries to the Capulet's Monument in a churchyard. He does not know about the trick and kills himself. Soon after the Juliet wakes up and when she sees Romeo dead, she kills herself too. Both Montague and Capulet Houses reconcile only after the death of their beloved children.

Ernest (Miller) Hemingway

Is probably the greatest writer of USA. He was born on 21 July 1899 in Oak Park, Illinois a suburb of Chicago. His father Clarence Edmond Hemingway was a doctor and his mother Grace Hall Hemingway was a musician. In 1917 Ernest worked as a reporter for the Kansas City Star

Newspapers. The following year he volunteered to work as a Redcross ambulance driver. Where was badly wounded. He returned to America in 1919 and married in 1921. In the same year he was reported an article for the Toronto Daily Star called „ American Bohemians in Paris“ , two years later he resigned from journalism to devote himself to fiction. His first famous book called „Old man and the sea“ is really popular. His international reputation was firmly secured by his next three books „ Fiesta, Men without women, Farewell to arms.“ He was passionately in love with bullfighting, hunting and deep-sea fishing. He visited troops during civil war and described his experiences in the bestseller. He had simple style of writing became very admired. Recognition of his position in contemporary literature came in 1954 when was awarded to Nobel prize in literature. Following the publication of the Old man and the sea. He died in 1961.