



**Otázka:** William Shakespeare

**Jazyk:** Angličtina

**Přidal(a):** tommik

Is often called England's national poet and the „Bard of Avon“ or simply „The Bard“.

His surviving works consist of about 38 plays, 154 sonnets, 2 long narrative poems and several other poems.

His plays have been translated into every major language and read all over the world.

He was born in **Stratford-upon-Avon** in 1564 as the third child of Mary and John Shakespeare and was raised in Stratford.

Later he travelled to London to become a playwright. In London he started a very successful career as an actor and writer. He was also part owner of company called the King's Men. The company built their own open-air theatre on the south bank of the river Thames - **the Globe**.

Even Queen Elizabeth I and King James I admired him very much.

He died in 1616 and is buried at Trinity Church in Stratford.

Among the best known tragedies belong **Romeo and Juliet, Julius Caesar, Hamlet and Othello**.

Famous comedies include **The Taming of the Shrew, The Merchant of Venice** (kupec benátský), **The Merry Wives of Windsor, As You Like It, Much Ado About Nothing, The Comedy of Errors**.



Historical plays **Henry VIII.** and **Richard III.**

**Romeo and Juliet** differs from the other tragedies because heroes are not destroyed by the faults in their character but by the hatred of their two families. After the death of the two lovers comes a reconciliation of the two families.