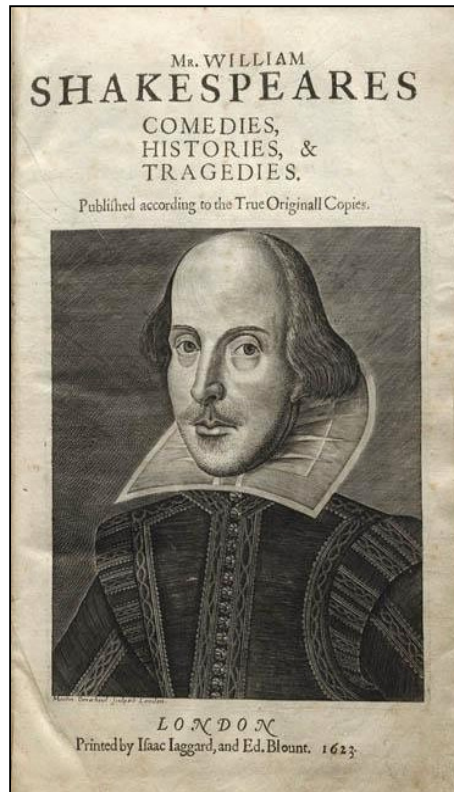
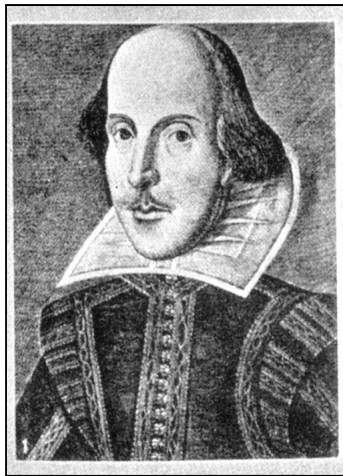


Who is Shakespeare?



Shakespeare

Introduction to the life, times and achievement of Shakespeare. The few known facts relating to his life are provided and various speculative theories are discussed. A social and historical context is provided with the emphasis on the role of the theatre and the social values and political events that are reflected in his plays. The sources of Shakespeare's inspiration, his use of language and his activities as author, actor and "director" are discussed. The "stage to page" process that led to the First Folio is outlined and changing performance practices are considered.

SHAKESPEARE'S LIFE						
1564 Baptized on 26 April	1583 First child Sueanna born	1586-91 'The Lost Years'	1592 First mention as a playwright in London	1596 Buys New Place	1612 Known to be living in Stratford	1616 Dies on St. George's Day
	1582 Marries Anne Hathaway	1585 Twins Judith and Hamnet born	1589 First play begun	1594 Joins the Lord Chamberlain's Men	1596 Only son Hamnet dies, aged 11	1614 Last play completed

Shakespeare's Britain

Elizabeth I (Queen 1558-1603)

James I (King 1603-1625)

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