



## **William Shakespeare**

- He is William Shakespeare.
- He was born on 26 April 1564 in Avon, England.
- He was an English playwright, poet and actor.
- He is widely regarded as the greatest writer in the English language and the world's pre-eminent dramatist.
- Known as England's National Poet, 'The Bard' or 'The Bard of Avon'
- His plays have been translated into every major living language and are performed more often than those of any other playwright.
- He also made up phrases that we still use today, such as "melted into thin air", "wild goose chase", "I haven't slept a wink", and "break the ice".
- His earliest plays were primarily comedies and histories such as *Henry VI* and *The Comedy of Errors*
- He wrote *Romeo and Juliet*, *Julius Caesar*, *Hamlet*, *Othello*, *King Lear*, *Macbeth*, and *Antony and Cleopatra*.
- In his final years, he wrote *Cymbeline*, *A Winter's Tale*, and *The Tempest*.
- He died on 23 April 1616 (age 52 years), at Avon, United Kingdom