

Shareholder in the Globe and the Black Friars, the two leading theatres of the Elizabethan age. He even purchased property in Stratford and London. The year which made his prosperity also brought sorrows within his family. A series of death occurs in his family. His only son Hamnet dies in 1596, his father in 1601. His younger brother Edmund comic actor dies in 1607 and his mother in 1608. During 1610-1612 he moves to New place, the largest house that he owned in the town. His daughters were given in marriage. In 1607 his elder daughter married Dr. John Hall a ~~ren~~ renowned physician. On February 10, 1616 Judith was wedded to Thomas Quiney, whose father was a close friend of Shakespeare. During this year his health deteriorated and he died on 23<sup>rd</sup> April 1616.

Like Chaucer, he was a practical man. When he came to London he was poor and friendless. But when he left London he was rich and has become popular. His earnings were solely because of his literary output. The success of his career is achieved through the fusion of his creative imagination, reality, commonsense and his close observation of the world outside. Though he was not a trained and perfect scholar like Bacon and Ben Jonson he had a wide knowledge of things around him. He gained knowledge through his contact with men and books of his time. He was able to access the ancient literature that got translated. He was living and working in an environment filled with intellectual thirst triggered his imagination that was bursting with new ideas. Moreover he is gifted with a natural talent of converting everything into best possible account.

## Life of Shakespeare

William Shakespeare was born on 23<sup>rd</sup> April 1564, at Stratford-upon-Avon in Warwickshire. Having been born as a son of a wealthy tradesman he was sent to local Grammar School where he was taught Latin and arithmetic. Meanwhile at the age of 14 financial crisis overtook his family. This financial misfortune made him quit his education and seek a job to secure his family. At the age of 19 he married Anne Hathaway who is eight years senior to Shakespeare. She is the daughter of a wealthy yeoman of Shottery, a neighbouring village. However it was an unhappy marriage. Meanwhile he begot three children namely, Susannah and the twins Judith and Hamnet. During this time it is believed that he made friendship with bad company which led him to ~~ste~~ involve in deer stealing from the woods of Charlecote Hall. This incident was the turning point in his life which drives him to London.

About 1587 he left his native town and reached London to earn money. It was during this time drama was gaining popularity through the works of the University wits. Shakespeare soon took the stage and became the actor at first and then became a playwright. Even after becoming a dramatist he never stopped acting. From then onwards he stayed in London for 20 years. Being a hard worker he was producing two plays in a year. Gradually his wealth and fame increased. His abundant ~~the~~ wealth made him as a