

Literary Lives: William Shakespeare

Comprehension Questions

1. What did John Shakespeare do for a living?

2. What evidence is there that Shakespeare was a bit of a tearaway?

3. Who was Anne Hathaway?

4. What clues are there that Shakespeare could have been Catholic?

5. What happened in London in 1593?

6. How are Shakespeare's plays usually categorised?

7. Why was the location of The Globe theatre important?

8. Why was acting a difficult profession?

9. What started the fire which made The Globe burn down?

10. What evidence is there about the cause of Shakespeare's death?

Extension:

What evidence is there that Shakespeare was a very successful author? Find examples from throughout the text.

What was the theatre-going experience like in Shakespeare's time? Include evidence from the text in your answer.

What are your impressions of Shakespeare? Have they changed since reading about him? Use evidence from the text to explain your answer.
