

LESSON I: OUTLINING "GETTING ACQUAINTED WITH SHAKESPEARE" FOR READY REFERENCE

1. When and where was Shakespeare born? Stratford April 23, 1564
2. A. What was his father's name and occupation? John Shakespeare - glovemaking
B. What was his mother's name? Mary Arden
3. How much formal education did Shakespeare have? Grammar School
4. What lasting effect did Stratford and the surrounding countryside have on him? constant references to animals, birds, & flowers in his plays shows effect
5. Whom and when did he marry? Anne Hathaway - November 1582
6. What were his children's names? Susana, Hamnet, & Judith
7. Approximately when did he leave Stratford for London? about 1586-1587
8. Why didn't his wife go with him? She was a puritan
9. How did Shakespeare become well-to-do? His share of the gate (admissions)
10. What were his earliest literary successes? "Venus & Adonis" & "The Rape of Lucrece"
11. What reference books did he use to write his plays? Ovid's Metamorphoses
Plutarch's Lives & Holinshed's Chronicles
12. How many plays did he write? 37
13. What was the name of the acting company of which he was a part? Lord Chamberlain's Men
14. What was his reputation in London? polite, good-natured & loyal
15. When did Shakespeare retire and where did he go? 1610 - Stratford/New Place
16. When did he die? April 23 1616
17. What was the eventual effect of Puritanism on the theaters? theaters were ordered closed