**A Shakespeare Biography Questionnaire**

1. In what year was Shakespeare born?

1. 1564
2. 1616
3. 1558
4. 1592

2. What town or city was Shakespeare born in?

1. London
2. Stratford-upon-Avon
3. Snitterfield
4. Oxford

3. Shakespeare was born in Stratford-upon-Avon, but what county is the town in?

1. Sussex
2. Norfolk
3. Durham
4. Warwickshire

4. The names of Shakespeare's father and mother were:

1. Abraham and Sara
2. William and Anne
3. John and Mary

5. Shakespeare attended the Stratford Grammar School, also known as the King's New School:

1. From 1569 to 1579
2. He did not attend school.
3. There are no records of his school attendance, but it is highly likely he attended that school.

6. WhodidShakespearemarry?

1. JudithSadler
2. SusannaHall
3. AnneHathaway
4. MaryQueenofScots

7. How old was Shakespeare when he got married?

1. 17
2. 18
3. 19
4. 20

8. Shakespeare was the father of how many children?

1. 3
2. 2
3. 10
4. 1

9. Shakespeare left his home town of Stratford because:

1. He was caught poaching on the lands of Sir Thomas Lucy and fled to avoid prosecution.
2. He was apprenticed to his father who was a butcher. He hated the work and ran away to London.
3. He took a job as a school teacher in the country, and left to pursue this career.
4. It is not known for sure how or why he left.

10. The London theaters were closed on account of a virulent outbreak of the plague in 1593 and part of 1594. Specifically, what disease was this?

1. Tuberculosis
2. ThePlagueofFrogs
3. BubonicPlague
4. Thepox

11. In what year was the Globe Theater built?

1. 1594
2. 1599
3. 1608
4. 1613

12. Some time after 1599-1600 Shakespeare turned from writing predominantly romantic comedies and history plays to tragedies. Which five plays are known as his "great tragedies"?

1. *Hamlet, Othello, Macbeth, King Lear, Antony and Cleopatra*
2. *The Merchant of Venice, Henry IV Part 1, Henry IV Part 2, Henry V, Twelfth Night*
3. *King John, Henry VI Part 1, Richard II, Richard III, Henry VIII*
4. *Measure for Measure, Troilus and Cressida, Coriolanus, Timon of Athens, Cymbeline*.

13. In 1603 Shakespeare's acting company, The Lord Chamberlain's Men, became the King's Men. Which king was their patron?

1. George III
2. James I
3. Edward III
4. Henry VIII

14. In his later years, Shakespeare collaborated with what author on the play *The Two Noble Kinsmen*?

1. ThomasMiddleton
2. FrancisBeaumont.
3. ChristopherMarlowe.
4. JohnFletcher.
5. BenJonson

15. In what year did Shakespeare die?

1. 1599
2. 1616
3. 1623
4. 1642

16. How much did Shakespeare write?

1. 1 play, 38 sonnets and 154 epic narrative poems
2. 54 plays, 5 sonnets, and 38 epic narrative plays
3. 4 plays, 38 sonnets, and 5 epic narrative poem
4. 38 plays, 154 sonnets, and 2 epic narrative poems

17. In what year was the first collected edition of Shakespeare's plays, called the First Folio, published?

1. 1599
2. 1616
3. 1623
4. 1685

18. Is it reasonable to think that someone other than William Shakespeare (1564-1616) of Stratford-upon-Avon wrote the works attributed to him?

1. Yes.
2. No.