

Worksheet One

This worksheet accompanies *Taking Notes*.

Selecting useful information

Imagine that you are doing some research based on the positive and negative events of Shakespeare's life. Read the text below and pick out the most important details. Using two different colored pens, underline the positive events and dates in one color, and the negative events and dates in another color.

William Shakespeare was born c. 23rd April 1564 in Stratford-Upon-Avon, Warwickshire, England. His starsign was Taurus (symbolized by a bull).

In 1582, he married Anne Hathaway in a pretty church. They had three children together, but his son Hamnet died in 1596, at age eleven.

In the 1580s he moved to London and became an actor and a playwright. He later became a member of the 'Lord Chamberlain's Men' (a famous acting company). It performed for Queen Elizabeth I at court, which was a very great honor.

In 1599, Shakespeare and his acting company bought The Globe theatre in London. This gave them more control over the plays they performed. The thatched roof of The Globe caught fire in 1613 and it burned down. In 1614, the theatre was rebuilt, but Shakespeare died not long afterwards, in 1616 of an unknown cause.



