

Activity 1: The Shakespeare Sleuths and the parish register

During the first Shakespeare Sleuths film, answer the following questions

In which year was William Shakespeare born?

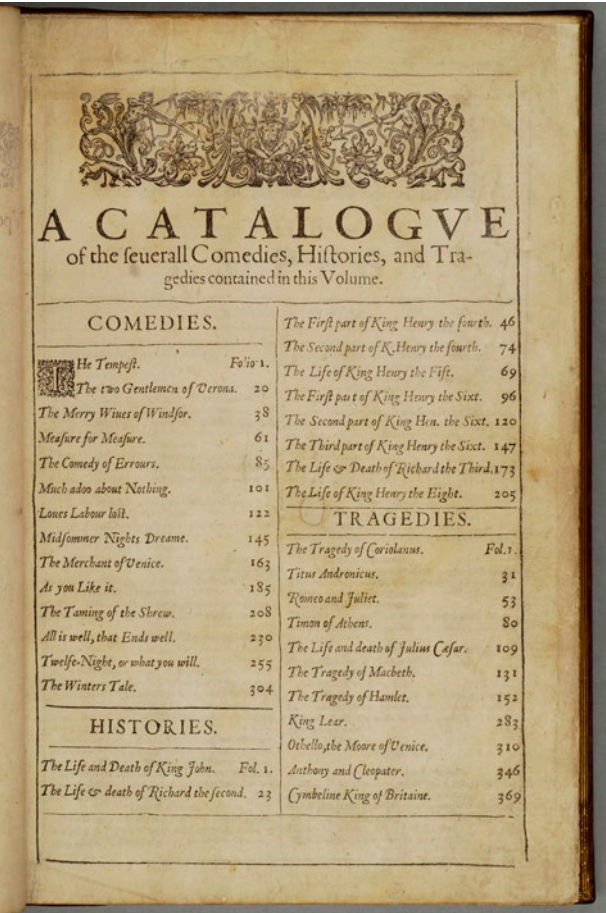
In which language was Shakespeare's baptism record written?

What else can we find out from the parish register?

What date was Shakespeare baptised on, according to the parish register?

Shakespeare's burial is also recorded in the parish register on 25 April 1616. How old would he have been when he died?

Activity 2: The Shakespeare Sleuths and the First Folio



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Shakespeare's First Folio

The First Folio is the first published collection of Shakespeare's plays in 1623, seven years after his death. It contains 36 of his works, brought together by his friends who called it:

'Mr. VVilliam Shakespeares comedies, histories, & tragedies. Published according to the true originall copies.'

Can you spot where the words are written differently from how we would write them today? Circle the differences in the title above.

Activity 2: The Shakespeare Sleuths and the First Folio

During the third Shakespeare Sleuths film, answer the following questions

How did Shakespeare's friends save some of his plays?

How many languages have the plays been translated into?

What else can we find out from the First Folio?

What are the three main categories of plays in the First Folio?

Can you give the name of one of Shakespeare's plays for each category?