



SHAKESPEARIENCE!

The Basics

* *William Shakespeare* lived in the late 1500's & early 1600's...
Therefore his plays were written about **450 years ago**.

*At that time, *Queen Elizabeth* ran things.

*His plays were mainly performed at *The Old Globe Theatre* in **London, England**, which was also his home.

*He wrote in a style of poetry called **iambic pentameter**...sounds like a *HEARTBEAT*.

iamb means two syllables
penta is the Greek word for 5
meter is the rhythm of the verse, or writing

*He wrote 4 different types of plays:
comedies, TRAGEDIES, HISTORIES and Romance, or mystery plays - all of which were comedies

*He wrote **38 plays** and **154 Sonnets** (which are a type of poem with 14 lines).