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Biographical Criticism

Shakespeare was born in Stratford England to his parents, John and Mary, and the accepted date of Shakespeare's birth, is April 26, 1564. The actual date is unknown, however considering the traditions of baptism and feast days historians have come up with this date to settle his date of birth. Gulielmus filius Johannes Shakespeare was his full real name. His father was a tanner and a glover. His father was well off, and owned lots of property and owned livestock, and there are records of him owning three houses; which is another reason historians are uncertain of the exact location of Shakespeare's birth. Young Shakespeare grew up learning this trade. However, his parents were unable to write and signed their names with images. as it was common in those days. and his mother was the daughter of a 60-acre estate called Asbies, which John Shakespeare inherited. Later in Shakespeare's father's life he had to sell the estate to pay his creditor's.

Young Shakespeare started his education around 6 or 7 years old at an Elizabethan grammar school. This is a school where you learned all which the monarch

had deemed was adequate for young children to learn. He learned ABC's, vowels, and the Lord's prayer.