

CHRONOLOGY OF SHAKESPEARE'S PLAYS

1592/93	HENRY VI RICHARD III COMEDY OF ERRORS	1592	plague in London kills 15,000 GREENE'S GROATSWORTH OF WIT - upstart crow
1593/94	TITUS ANDRONICUS THE TAMING OF THE SHREW	1593	death of Christopher Marlowe VENUS AND ADONIS SONNETS 1593-1599 John Lyly: Euphues
1594/95	TWO GENTLEMEN OF VERONA LOVE'S LABOUR'S LOST ROMEO AND JULIET	1594	THE RAPE OF LUCRECE Galileo: Golden Rule Sir Francis Drake / Spanish Main
1595/96	RICHARD II A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM	1595	Sir Philip Sidney: APOLOGY FOR POETRY
1596/97	KING JOHN THE MERCHANT OF VENICE	1596	Hamnet dies
1597/98	HENRY IV parts 1 & 2	1597	Shakespeare buys New Place, Stratford
1598/99 .1600	MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING AS YOU LIKE IT TWELFTH NIGHT JULIUS CAESAR HENRY V	1598	opening of GLOBE THEATRE first 7 books of Chapman's ILIAD of Homer
1600/01	HAMLET THE MERRY WIVES OF WINDSOR	1599	Edmund Spenser dies (FAIRIE QUEEN) Essex returns from Ireland, is arrested
1602/03	ALL'S WELL THAT ENDS WELL	1600	trial of Essex
-----begin DARK PERIOD-----			
	TROILUS AND CRESSIDA	1601	burial of Shakespeare's father Essex leads revolt, is executed
1604/05	MEASURE FOR MEASURE OTHELLO	1603	death of ELIZABETH, end of Tudor line; JAMES VI of Scotland becomes JAMES I, begin Stuart line
1605/06	KING LEAR MACBETH		Florio translation of Montaigne ESSAIS Sir Walter Raleigh imprisoned for treason
1606/07	ANTONY AND CLEOPATRA	1605	lunar, solar eclipses Guy Fawkes gunpowder plot, Parliament Cervantes: DON QUIXOTE Santa Fe, New Mexico founded
1607/08	CORIOLANUS TIMON OF ATHENS	1607	Susanna Shakespeare marries John Hall
		1608	burial of Shakespeare's mother
-----end DARK PERIOD-----			
1608/09	PERICLES	1609	publication of SONNETS
1609/10	CYMBELINE	1610	Ben Jonson: THE ALCHEMIST
1610/11	WINTER'S TALE	1611	KING JAMES VERSION OF THE HOLY BIBLE
1611/12	THE TEMPEST	1612	Shakespeare returns to Stratford
1613	HENRY VIII	1613	GLOBE THEATRE burns down

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