You have been selected to investigate *The Life of William Shakespeare*. Topics to think about when researching Shakespeare’s life are:

- Family background – birthplace, parents, siblings
- His education
- Marriage and children
- Career - writing and acting, theatre company
- Discuss the controversy surrounding the authorship of Shakespeare’s plays. Did Shakespeare really write his plays?
- Final years

**Concluding Question** (Think about this question and use the knowledge gained from your research to compose an answer)

Shakespeare’s last will and testament included numerous bequests that show that he died a wealthy man. But he cannot have owed his riches simply to his plays. A theatre company would pay a freelance writer a few pounds for a new play, but that wasn’t enough to support and sustain a wife and family. After researching his life, how do you think Shakespeare became so wealthy?