

# Once Upon a Time: Edgar Allan Poe

Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Date of Death	Place of Death
	_____, Massachusetts	October 1849	Baltimore, Maryland ( <i>mystery on death</i> )

## Early Life - Education - Current Life...

**Early Life** → \_\_\_\_\_ with a \_\_\_\_\_ relationship with foster father, struggled financially

**Education** → attended boarding schools and University of Virginia (*not in article*)

**Current Life** → Poe quickly gained recognition for his unique and \_\_\_\_\_ stories

## Describe this Writer in Your Own Words

Poe had a \_\_\_\_\_ life but captured readers with his unique and dark writing.

## Why Was He Famous?

Dark and atmospheric tales - used vivid and \_\_\_\_\_ language

## Famous Quotes

(*not in article*)

"The \_\_\_\_\_ of a beautiful woman is the most poetical topic in the world"

"Never to \_\_\_\_\_ would never to have been blessed"

## Legacy

Poe's impact on literature extended far beyond his life. He made the mysterious and dark stories popular. The genres of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ are rooted in Poe.

# Edgar Allan Poe: Journalist Trickster

Edgar Allan Poe (1809-1849) was a poet and author, but he was also a journalist. In 1844 he wrote a newspaper story about a hot air balloon crossing the Atlantic Ocean in three days. This was totally impossible at that time. Today airplanes can cross the ocean in just hours. Balloons can cross in a few days, but it is still impossible to cross the Atlantic in three days without engines to speed the balloon.

The New York *Sun* printed Poe's story on April 13, 1844 as a true news account. There was much excitement about the story at the time. Two days later, however, the newspaper issued a retraction, explaining that it was in error.

Below is the headline and first lines of the story.

## Astounding News

by *Express, via Norfolk!*

### The Atlantic Crossed in Three Days!

#### Signal Triumph of Mr. Monck Mason's Flying Machine!

Arrival at Sullivan's Island, near Charlestown, S.C., of Mr. Mason, Mr. Robert Holland, Mr. Henson, Mr. Harrison Ainsworth, and four others, in the Steering Balloon, "Victoria," after a passage of Seventy-five Hours from Land to Land!

#### Full Particulars of the Voyage!!!

The great problem is at length solved! The air, as well as the earth and the ocean, has been subdued by science, and will become a common and convenient highway for mankind. The Atlantic has been actually crossed in a Balloon! and this too without difficulty—without any great apparent danger—with thorough control of the machine—and in the inconceivably brief period of seventy-five hours from shore to shore!

Write your own newspaper hoax about something that is impossible to do today. Write a headline and at least four sentences describing what happened.



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Edgar Allan Poe: Secrets in Poetry

Edgar Allan Poe (1809-1849) wrote several poems that contained a secret. “An Enigma” is one of those poems. Enigma means puzzle or mystery. There is a woman’s name hidden in the text. To find her name, use the first letter of the first line, the second letter of the second line, the third letter of the third line, and so on.

### An Enigma

“Seldom we find,” says Solomon Don Dunce,  
“Half an idea in the profoundest sonnet.  
Through all the flimsy things we see at once  
As easily as through a Naples bonnet—  
Trash of all trash!—how can a lady don it?  
Yet heavier far than your Petrarchan stuff—  
Owl-downy nonsense that the faintest puff  
Twirls into trunk-paper the while you con it.”  
And, veritably, Sol is right enough.  
The general tuckermanities are arrant  
Bubbles—ephemeral and so transparent—  
But this is, now—you may depend upon it—  
Stable, opaque, immortal—all by dint  
Of the dear names that lie concealed within’t.

1. Name of the woman in the poem: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Write your own poem in the same way as Poe did in “The Enigma.” Write at least four lines.

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# Once Upon a Time: Sigmund Freud

Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Date of Death	Place of Death
	Freiberg, Moravia (Czech Republic)	September 1939	London, England

## Early Life - Education - Current Life...

**Early Life** → Marked by \_\_\_\_\_ and pursuit of knowledge

**Education** → Medical degree at the University of Vienna

**Current Life** → Conducted many \_\_\_\_\_ and clinical study projects

## Describe this Writer in Your Own Words

Freud studied the \_\_\_\_\_

## Why Was He Famous?

Know for \_\_\_\_\_ - why we act the way we do

## Famous Quotes

*(not in article)*

“Out of your vulnerabilities will come your \_\_\_\_\_.”

“Unexpressed emotions will never die. They are buried alive and will come forth later in \_\_\_\_\_ ways.”

## Legacy

Freud’s ideas have shaped the way we understand human \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ health.

# Once Upon a Time: Niccolo Machiavelli

Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Date of Death	Place of Death
	Florence, _____	June 1527	Florence, Italy
<b>Early Life - Education - Current Life...</b>			
<b>Early Life</b> → Served as a diplomat and _____ official			
<b>Education</b> → Attended the University of Florence			
<b>Current Life</b> → Continued his political career while studying and writing about the _____ system			
<b>Describe this Writer in Your Own Words</b>			
Machiavelli wrote about the _____ of political power and shifts			
<b>Why Was He Famous?</b>			
“ _____ ” (1513) is his most famous work - guidebook for rulers on military strategy, political management, and more			
<b>Famous Quotes</b>			
<i>(not in article)</i>			
“It is better to be _____ than loved, if you cannot be both.”			
“Politics have no relation to _____.”			
<b>Legacy</b>			
Machiavelli’s impact on _____ philosophy is still discussed today. His ideas that challenged the political systems continue to shape governments today,			

## How Machiavellian Are You?

**Directions:** How Machiavellian are you? Perhaps there is a little of Machiavelli in all of us. For each of the following statements, check the box that best describes your first reaction. At the end, total up your score to determine how much you agree/disagree with the beliefs stated in Machiavelli's The Prince.

		AGREE (A)	UNDECIDED (B)	DISAGREE (C)	Score
1.	Most people are honest.				
2.	Most people think first about their money and then about right and wrong.				
3.	To get a person to like you, tell that person what he or she wants to hear.				
4.	The best way to earn someone's respect is to be kind and honest.				
5.	The best way to earn someone's loyalty is to show them your power.				
6.	There are no absolute rights or wrongs. "Right" is what works for you.				
7.	A good president or politician reads the polls to find out what people want and then pursues those items as their policies.				
8.	Most people are extremely selfish.				
9.	A promise is a sacred trust and should be kept.				
10.	Nice guys finish last.				



# Once Upon a Time: William Shakespeare

Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Date of Death	Place of Death
	Stratford-upon-Avon, _____	1616	England

## Early Life - Education - Current Life...

**Early Life** → \_\_\_\_\_ known about early life

**Education** → Likely attended school and studied \_\_\_\_\_ literature

**Current Life** → Joined a London theater company as an \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ (wrote plays)

## Describe this Writer in Your Own Words

Shakespeare wrote many \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

## Why Was He Famous?

Shakespeare is famous for many plays - Hamlet, Othello, \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_

Shakespeare is famous for many poems - 154 sonnets about love and life

## Famous Quotes

(not in article)

“Love all, trust a few, do wrong to \_\_\_\_\_.”

“Don’t waste your love on somebody who doesn’t \_\_\_\_\_ it.”

## Legacy

Shakespeare’s works have been translated into numerous languages and adapted into many \_\_\_\_\_. His complex and beautiful stories set the stage for literature and continue to captivate audiences around the \_\_\_\_\_.



Name \_\_\_\_\_ **William Shakespeare**



# William Shakespeare

Name three plays written by Shakespeare.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Name three poems written by Shakespeare.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Name three words invented by Shakespeare.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Name something written by Shakespeare that is often quoted.

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