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William Shakespeare had written many plays throughout his life, but wrote many more after he started his playwriting career in the 1590's. Not all plays had been found from this era, but as many as 1,500 copies have been saved in circulation from William Shakespeare's writing. Due to this many copies of his writings saved, they may be able one day to find the one's they have lost. This chapter in the book was referring to all the plays William Shakespeare had written and how not all of them have still not been found. Researchers are still searching for one play called *Love's Labour Won* that has still not been found, but they believe will show up in all of the works they have found. As you can tell William Shakespeare spent a lot of time in the theater. Many things have changed in theaters now, but one rule the theater has kept ever since the old days is that a character is not allowed to exit from one scene and reappear in the next scene. Shakespeare's average performance times of his play were from two to two and a half hours. Sometimes he had more than fifty speakers in the performance. Shakespeare was also congratulated by the contemporaries on the speed that he could write his plays and how clean his first copies of them were. During this time, Shakespeare had often been called the English language's genius. Although he was called this from time to time, he was far from perfect. He had flaws just like every other person. With many flaws, he still became one of the best writers of all time.