Create your own banner to celebrate William Shakespeare’s 456th Birthday
Happy Birthday William Shakespeare!
Color and cut the pieces to get William Shakespeare ready for his birthday celebration! Don’t forget to put together the box for his present!

* Cut box on solid lines.

Fold on dotted lines.

Glue box together.
Shakespeare Scavenger Hunt

1. When do we think Shakespeare was born? When did he die?

2. In what town was Shakespeare born? What was the name of the street on which the Shakespeare family lived?

3. Who was ruler of England when Shakespeare was born?

4. What was Shakespeare’s father’s occupation?

5. What were the first names of Shakespeare’s father and mother?

6. Which is the longest of Shakespeare’s 38 plays?

7. What was the name of Shakespeare’s wife?

8. What is the name of the river that runs through London, as it did in Shakespeare’s time?

9. In what special tempo or meter are Shakespeare’s sonnets written?

10. Shakespeare was a partner (sharer) in what two acting companies?

11. What was the name of Shakespeare’s 11-year-old son who passed away?

12. What was the name of Shakespeare’s theater in Southwark?

13. In what year was William Shakespeare able to pay for and acquire a coat of arms for his family, which has father had been unable to afford?

14. Why were there no women actors on the Elizabethan stages?

15. What was the name for the audience members of an Elizabethan theater who paid a penny to watch the play standing on the ground around the stage?

16. What was the name of the room where costumes were kept in the Elizabethan theater, and where the actors changed?
17. How many years did Shakespeare work at his theatre career in London before returning home to Stratford in “retirement”?

18. What was the home of the King’s Mens’ Theatre in winter?

19. What was the name of Shakespeare’s granddaughter?

20. In what year did the Globe burn down? How?

21. In what year was the “new Globe” built, and when was it torn down?

22. What unusual item did Shakespeare leave to his wife when he died?

23. Where is William Shakespeare buried?
ANSWER KEY

1. April 23, 1564 – April 23, 1616
2. Stratford-upon-Avon, Henley Street
3. Queen Elizabeth I
4. Glover
5. John and Mary
6. Hamlet
7. Anne Hathaway
8. Thames River
9. Iambic Pentameter
10. The Lord Chamberlain’s Men and the King’s Men
11. Hamnet
12. The Globe
13. 1596
14. It was thought to be improper
15. Groundlings
16. The Tiring Room
17. 20 years
18. The Blackfriar’s District
19. Elizabeth
20. 1613; A cannon shot during a performance of Henry VIII shot hot stuffing onto the thatched roof of the theater
21. 1644
22. the second best bed
23. Holy Trinity Church