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Who is considered the most important writer in the English language?

William Shakespeare was born in Stratford-upon-Avon, United Kingdom. While in school, Shakespeare studied poetry, history, Greek, and Latin. When he was 18, Shakespeare married Anne Hathaway and moved to London. In London, he quickly became famous as an actor and author of plays.

Shakespeare wrote ten historical dramas. He also wrote 14 comedies, including his famous *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. Shakespeare went on to write ten tragedies, among which are *Romeo and Juliet*, *Othello*, and *Macbeth*. His works were extremely popular and were even presented before the court of Queen Elizabeth I and James I.

Shakespeare is considered the greatest writer in the English language. His comedies and tragedies have been translated into all major languages and shown in theaters and on stages around the world.

ANSWER THE QUESTIONS.

1. Where was William Shakespeare born?
 - a. the United Kingdom
 - b. Italy
 - c. Spain
 - d. None of the above
2. William Shakespeare was famous as a/an _____.
 - a. musician
 - b. Latin professor
 - c. actor and author of plays
 - d. writer of sonnets
3. One of the comedies written by Shakespeare is _____.
 - a. *Macbeth*
 - b. *A Midsummer Night's Dream*
 - c. *Othello*
 - d. *Romeo and Juliet*
4. Shakespeare is considered the most important writer of the _____.
 - a. English language
 - b. Spanish language
 - c. Latin
 - d. Greek

