

A detailed oil painting of William Shakespeare's face, showing him with a light beard and mustache, wearing a white ruff collar. The text "Today in History" is overlaid in white at the bottom of the portrait.

## Today in History

*April 23, 1564*

▲ **William Shakespeare, the greatest playwright in the English language, is traditionally believed to have been born. He died on this day in 1616**

**1014:** Brian Boru, High King of Ireland, died at the Battle of Clontarf

**1516:** A regulation specifying that beer should be brewed with three ingredients, water, malt and hops, was signed in Ingolstadt, Bavaria

**1985:** Coca-Cola temporarily switched to a new sweeter formula, but changed back as it was so unpopular

**1992:** A NASA satellite found evidence of wispy clouds of matter at the edge of the known universe