

A portrait of William Shakespeare, showing him from the chest up. He has dark hair, a light beard, and is wearing a white lace ruff collar. The background is dark.

Today in History

April 23, 1616

▲ **William Shakespeare, widely regarded as the greatest writer in the English language and the world's pre-eminent dramatist, died in Stratford-upon-Avon**

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

1791: A novel which claimed pain could bring sexual pleasure was published by the Marquis de Sade

2007: NASA released the first 3D images of the Sun acquired by the STEREO spacecraft

2010: Debt-ridden Greece appealed for crisis loans from the EU and IMF