

## Tudor Courtship Challenge

**Test your knowledge of Tudor life with our True or False challenge!**

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| 1. Young William Shakespeare was just 18 when he married Anne Hathaway.                           | True/False |
| 2. William had a secret second marriage after Anne died.  | True/False |
| 3. During a 'hand-fasting' ceremony, it was traditional for the couple to be chased by geese.     | True/False |
| 4. Tudor women would display their bare arms as a sign of their love during the wedding ceremony. | True/False |
| 5. Around a quarter of all Tudor marriages were re-marriages.                                     | True/False |
| 6. A Tudor bride would wear a white wedding dress.  | True/False |
| 7. In William Shakespeare's play, Romeo fell in love with Judith.                                 | True/False |
| 8. A popular gift for brides to give to young men was a knitted hat.                              | True/False |

*Circle your  
answers then turn  
over to see if you  
are right!*



## ANNE HATHAWAY'S COTTAGE & GARDENS

**How did you do? Did you spot that all the answers were False!**

1. True –William was 18 and Anne was 26 (and pregnant!).
2. False – William died in 1616, many years before Anne did; she lived on until August 1623.
3. False – although, they may chase after you anyway! Especially on a farm.
4. False - It was considered very improper for a woman to show bare arms or legs.
5. True - re-marriage was an important survival strategy in Tudor times; deaths following childbirth saw young widowers looking for a new wife to look after him, the home and any possible children; widowed mothers needed new husbands to provide for them and their children.
6. False – this tradition only became popular after Queen Victoria wore white to marry. A Tudor bride would wear her best kirtle, a shift underneath and probably some flowers in her hair.
7. False – the love of Romeo's life was Juliet.
8. False – well, a bride may have given her beloved a new hat (it was the law after all for men and boys to wear a hat), but we don't believe it was a popular custom.

