

Renaissance Poetry

Expressions of Love in Sonnet Form

Consider the Following:

What does love mean to you?

How is love represented in your life?

How familiar are you with love?

What expectations do you have about love?

Directions: Write a sonnet on one of the following themes stated below. Illustrate the sonnet that reflects tone and theme of your sonnet.

Sonnet Themes:

Friendship

Compassion

Desire

Wealth

Hope

Joy

Faith

Courage

Envy

Other Possibilities

When creating your modern day love poem include the following:

- ☺ **Ideas and Content:** Theme of love; incorporate imagery (symbols, metaphors, similes, personification)
- ☺ **Organization:** Sonnet Form
 - 14 lines
 - 3 quatrains
 - Rhyme scheme: (abab cdcd efef gg)
 - Iambic pentameter: (10 beats per line; stressed / unstressed)
 - Imagery: (use of figurative language to create pictures in the reader's mind)
- ☺ **Voice:** Expressive, honest, appealing, from the heart
- ☺ **Sentence Fluency:** Flows and has rhythm
- ☺ **Word Choice:** Interesting language, precise language, strong imagery
- ☺ **Conventions:** Appropriate and purposeful

Additional Guidelines:

- ✓ Proofread the sonnet
- ✓ Type the sonnet
 - Use appropriate Shakespearean / sonnet form
 - Use suitable font
- ✓ Create an illustration that goes along with the sonnet
 - Illustration may be computer generated
 - Illustration may be glued to your typed sonnet
 - Illustration may / may not include color