**Shakespeare’s Sonnets, #18, 29, 73, 116, & 130**

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Group task:

After signing up for which sonnet your group will work with, complete the following steps:

1. Read the sonnet carefully as well as any surrounding notes or text in the literature book.
2. Write a line by line paraphrase of the sonnet.
3. Discuss the sonnet’s meaning, structure, literary elements & their effects, and theme.

\*\* Before proceeding to the next step, have Dr. Coffman check your line-by-line paraphrase (#2 on this list) and notes on the sonnet (#3 items).

1. Research the poem. Find and read at least two credible and scholarly articles about your group’s sonnet. Consider searching the literature databases. Do not use Wikipedia. You will need to include something from your research in your presentation.
2. Create a multimedia presentation to teach your group’s sonnet to the class. You may use PowerPoint or other presentation method, but should include visuals and sound to enhance your presentation. You may wish to browse YouTube or other internet sites to see what others’ have done with the sonnet and you may even choose to incorporate one of these videos into your presentation. Make the presentation as interesting, engaging, and thorough as you can. Be sure to cite information from your research in your presentation (e.g., you could include parenthetical citations within a PowerPoint with a Works Cited slide at the end).
3. This presentation counts as a quiz grade.

Individual task:

As an individual, write a sonnet. You may use Petrarchan, Spenserian, or Shakespearean rhyme scheme. Of course, your sonnet needs to be written in iambic pentameter and have 14 lines. Think about the meaning of your sonnet and how you will use the structure of the sonnet to develop your main idea. Use various literary elements such as the ones you’ve seen in the sonnets we’ve read (conceit, paradox, metaphor, imagery). Type your sonnet and decorate the page to reflect the poem’s theme. On the back, include a sonnet chart with your sonnet filled in to show its structure. Your sonnet counts as a quiz grade.