

LESSON FIVE

As well as being the author of many magnificent plays, William Shakespeare wrote many poems as well. His poems were in a form known as sonnets and some of his efforts are very famous as love poems.

READ “Shall I compare you...”

DO-IT-YOURSELF-RIP-OFF-SHAKESPEARE-LOVE-POEM

1. Give each student a slip of paper.
Brainstorm things that in their minds, they ‘love’ and couldn’t do without (give examples – something along the lines of KFC or Playstation...)
Ask each student to write on their paper a thing they ‘love’.
2. collect in the paper, shuffle and then re-distribute them so each student gets a different one.

THE POEM

1. write the first line, “Shall I compare you to a (object)__”
2. next line, “Thou art more _____ and _____”
(find two adjectives related to your object)
3. write **SIX** lines, (as long or as short as you like) explaining what isn’t good about your object
4. next line, “But thy eternal (nice adjective)_____ shall not fade”
5. write **FOUR** lines (as long or as short as you like) where you express as much love as possible for your object.
6. Finish with the following two lines,
“So long as men can breathe or eyes can see,
So long lives this, and this gives life to thee.”

Read out efforts – write up as good copies!!!