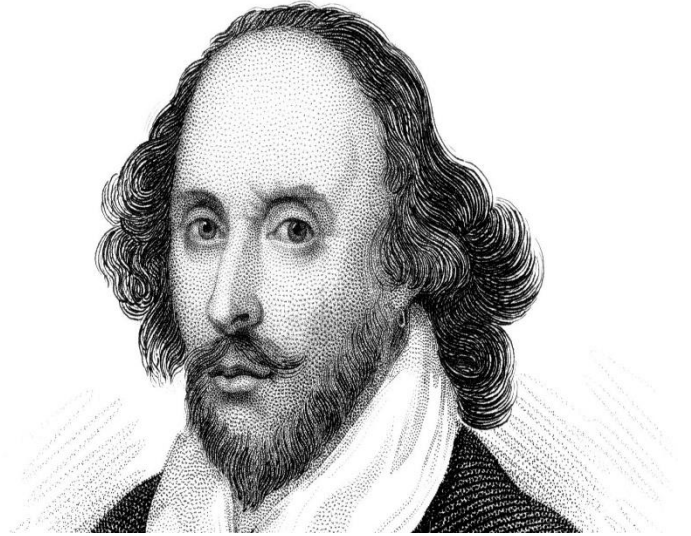


Sonnet Writing Assignment



General Information

- Using the subject you were assigned in class, write a Shakespearean sonnet that creatively addresses the importance of your subject.
- A sonnet is a short form of poetry, so it demands careful revision, thoughtful expression, and deliberate word choice. Your poem should not simply be 14 lines of poetry, but fourteen lines that have been crafted to maximize the cleverness and beauty of your writing.
- The final poem should show evidence of revision.



Requirements

- Because the poem is a Shakespearean sonnet, it must contain:
 - An argument
 - 14 lines written in iambic pentameter.
 - The ABAB CDCD EFEF GG rhyme scheme for those 14 lines.
 - Three quatrains, each addressing a different aspect, image, or metaphor about your subject.
 - A rhyming couplet that provides an unexpected or ironic twist.
- Additionally, your poem should contain the following literary devices:
 - At least once instance of alliteration
 - At least one fresh use of metaphor
 - Excellent, vivid imagery

"Sometimes the most beautiful poetry can be about simple things, like a cat, or a flower, or rain. You see, poetry can come from anything with the stuff of revelation in it. Just don't let your poems be ordinary." -

John Keating, *Dead Poets Society*