

SONNET 18 CARD SORT

Below are fourteen lines of Sonnet 18 by William Shakespeare. Print a set of these for each student. Then, cut them out and mix them up. Give a set to each group of students and have each group 1) sort the lines into categories of rhyme, and 2) put the lines in order according to the rhyme scheme.

Shall I compare thee to a summer's day?

Thou art more lovely and more temperate:

Rough winds do shake the darling buds of May,

And summer's lease hath all too short a date;

Sometime too hot the eye of heaven shines,

And often is his gold complexion dimm'd;

And every fair from fair sometime declines,

By chance or nature's changing course untrimm'd;

But thy eternal summer shall not fade,

Nor lose possession of that fair thou ow'st;

Nor shall death brag thou wander'st in his shade,

When in eternal lines to time thou grow'st:

So long as men can breathe or eyes can see,

So long lives this, and this gives life to thee.