

Group Sonnet Challenge Rules

Rule #1: The sonnet must be completed by the end of the class period.

Rule #2: Everyone must try to make a contribution to the sonnet we will write.

Rule #3: The sonnet must be 14 lines long.

Rule #4: The sonnet must have no more and no less than 10 syllables per line.

Rule #5: The sonnet must be of either the English or the Italian form.

Rule #6: For sake of simplicity, the sonnet must deal with the subject of love.

Rule #7: If the sonnet is going to be in the English form, the logical progression of thought should be as follows: the first 12 lines develop the main idea, and the last 2 lines (a rhymed couplet) give the conclusion.

If you select the Italian form, the pattern should be thus: The first 8 lines develop the main idea, and the last 6 lines give the conclusion.

Rule #8: Once something has been written on the board, it cannot be changed (except for spelling). It becomes engraved in stone.

Class will not be dismissed until the sonnet is complete.