Writing a Shakespearean Sonnet

1. WORK IN PENCIL.

2. Write one syllable in each cell of this grid. For words with two or more syllables, refer to the dictionary to see the stressed and unstressed syllable pattern.

3. Follow the pattern of stressed and unstressed syllables shown at the top of the grid. You are writing in IAMBIC PENTAMETER, just like Shakespeare.

4. Follow the pattern for end rhyme shown along the right side of the grid.

5. Be creative.

6. Topic choices: An emotion (love, fear, anger, sadness, etc.), nature, or faith

7. Content structure: Each quatrain should address a different aspect of the topic. The couplet should express the theme.

8. Be sure to punctuate your sonnet and use correct spelling, mechanics and grammar.

9. Give your sonnet an original title.

10. Type your final copy. Print it on a separate sheet of paper.

11. Staple this work sheet to the back of the final copy. Turn both in.

12. This will count as a quiz grade.

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