**“Sonnet 18 & 29” – Analysis Questions**

Sonnet 18

1. Summer is the favorite time of year for many people. Why might Shakespeare have chosen to focus on the ways in which his subject is different from summer instead of describing how they are similar?
2. What ideas about the effects of time does Shakespeare convey in Sonnet 18?

Sonnet 29

1. If you wrote a modern version of Sonnet 29, what would you replace the speaker’s complaints with about life? Look at his list of problems, and see if you can come up with a contemporary list.
2. In Sonnet 29, what do you think is the effect of devoting so many lines to the speaker’s mental problems and so few to their cure?

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1. What famous people today could you imagine being the speakers of these sonnets?
2. What actions do the sonnets’ speakers believe true love should inspire someone to do?