**SONNET 18 – William Shakespeare**

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.

**Questions**

1. This poem is an extended comparison between the speaker's lover and a   
summer's day.

2. According to **the first two lines**, how is the speaker's lover UNLIKE a   
summer's day?

**3. Lines three through eight** point out a number of negative characteristics of   
summer. Identify them.

**4. Lines nine through fourteen** offer a view of the lover's many contrasts with   
nature. How is she better than a summer's day?

5. What will keep her young forever? What does this poem suggest about the   
value of art?

6. Identify the **metaphors, personification, and hyperbole** in this sonnet.