**Sonnett 18 Comprehension Questions:**

1. Who is "thee"?
2. In the opening lines of Sonnet 18, what does the writer imply?
3. To what season(s) is the writer referring to in lines 3&4?
4. In line 8 what problems arise when the writer describes a summer’s day?
5. What does the poet mean when he says, "But thy eternal summer shall not fade"?
6. Does this poem necessarily keep living so long as humans keep breathing? Is the speaker right?
7. Lines 8 and 12 seem to do a bit of foreshadowing. Why? Why not just surprise us with the turn

and the couplet?

1. Read the following quote,"Nor shall death brag thou wander'st in his shade." does this seem possible or plausible as a promise? Explain.
2. The last two lines, however, limit the promise to "So long as men can breathe, or eyes can see, / So long lives this, and this gives life to thee." What does the "this" refer to?
3. How does "this" continue to give this young woman life--even four hundred years after Shakespeare wrote the poem?