

English Sonnet

English II Honors

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Directions: Write an English love sonnet. It can be serious or silly, but no credit will be given until it is truly a sonnet. Poems that are not yet sonnets will be returned to the student to be revised until they are truly sonnets. True sonnets will receive full credit even after multiple revisions.

An English sonnet has the following characteristics:

- 14 lines with the rime scheme abab cdcd efef gg
- each line must be in iambic pentameter (although one or two trochees to start lines in order to emphasize certain words or ideas is okay)
- The topic of the poem should be love (even if it's love for a hamburger)

Hint: If you have problems with the rime scheme, think about borrowing the final words from a Shakespearean sonnet and fitting your ideas to the words.