Name: Due Date:

The Original Shakespearean Sonnet Description & Rubric

Part I. The Idea.

Trying to write a sonnet with no initial concept is pretty much guaranteed to give you a dull, meandering poem. But how do you go about dreaming up subject matter? Instead of racking your brain for an idea or concept, we are going to come up with the themes in a fun and unique way. Each of you will write down a theme and one thing gleaned from pop culture. They will be thrown into a pile, and you will pick one of your classmates themes and their word/action from pop culture.

Theme:

Pop Culture Word or Action:

Part II. The Format & The Example.

ABAB CDCD EFEF GG

“Kanye 2020/Racism”

To Yeezy or not to Yeezy,

That is the question.

Even though the decision is easy.

We know Kanye is never restin.

Kanye 2020

We know that’s not gonna happen

Kanye for prez that’s mad funny

Why can’t he just stick to rappin?

He stopped his concert to talk about racism and Trump.

Kanye Kardashian West, The best of the best?

If he keeps this up, he's hittin’ rock bottom with a thump.

Kanye, Yeezy, Whatever ... Don’t get finessed.

In his words "Beyoncé should've won"

This might be worse than Apple changing their emoji to a water gun.

Part III. The Rubric.

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| /15 | Follows Shakespearean Sonnet rhyme scheme from part II |
| /35 | Uses theme and pop culture word/action as the subject of the poem and the title |
| /50 | Each quatrain reflects the following content (each part is worth 12.5 points):  : Problem/question  : Example of aforementioned problem/question  : An answer to the problem/question  : Insight or theme regarding the problem/question |

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