**Sonnet Essay**

*Directions and Tips*

**Introduction:**

Write your introduction talking about the sonnets (all of the ones Shakespeare wrote) in general and how he used universal themes in them. Also THINK about and then WRITE about why Shakespeare would use universal themes (death, love, beauty, loss, etc) in his poems….***how does that help readers connect to what the poems are about?????***

**THESIS STATEMENT:** You need to come up with your own thesis statement, but remember it needs to address the BIG UMBRELLA theme your three sonnets of choice deal with and how they develop into smaller themes and why Shakespeare did it that way….

**Body Paragraphs:**

Develop your thesis statement into approx. 1-3 body paragraphs where you address your middle ring themes on your planning sheets. ***You explain how these themes are broken down in the sonnets and use your outer ring on your planning sheet with your quotes and analysis to help you write about what these poems say about the themes.***

*YOU MIGHT HAVE TO REWORK YOUR QUOTE ANALYSIS THAT YOU ORIGINALLY HAD IN YOUR PLANNING SHEET TO MAKE SURE IT FITS INTO YOUR ESSAY.*

**ALSO…YOU HAVE 3 SONNETS YOU NEED TO REFERENCE IN YOUR ESSAY. YOU DON’T NEED TO HAVE ALL THE QUOTES FROM ALL THREE SONNETS…CHOOSE WHICH QUOTES YOU WANT TO USE, BUT YOU MUST HAVE AT LEAST ONE FROM EACH!!!!**

Conclusion:

DO NOT REWRITE YOUR THESIS WORD FOR WORD…Bring your conclusion back to the big theme Shakespeare dealt with in your poems of choice and how it helps readers connect to his subjects.

* This is a formal essay..no…..“I, ME, MY, YOU, YOURS”
* MLA format….heading, header, in-text citations
* NO FCAT or CONVERSATIONAL WRITING…I don’t want to see….”This quote shows…” or “I am going to tell you why this proves…”
* Make sure you are backing your quotes up sufficiently with your analysis
* INDENT YORU PARAGRAPHS!!!