Activity June Learning Packet: Sonnet 18 by William Shakespeare Page 54

Grade 8th
Class ELA
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Key Content/Modeling
What is a Sonnet?
A sonnet is poem of fourteen lines using of a number of formal rhyme schemes. Sonnets were very popular during Shakespeare’s lifetime.

Who is William Shakespeare?
William Shakespeare was born April 26, 1564 Died April 23, 1616. He was a poet, playwright and an actor. Many of his works are about life, love, death, revenge, grief, jealousy, murder, magic and mystery.

You Try
Close reading of Sonnet 18 by William Shakespeare
Read the poem and use the definitions in the margins to gain understanding of unfamiliar words.
Write a summary of Sonnet that identifies the theme of the sonnet poem. Use the background information to help you determine the theme.

Show me what you know (Proof of learning)
1. I still have questions about the text
2. I get it.
3. I can teach someone the information

Self-Assessment
Use capitalization and appropriate punctuation

Priority Standard(s):
RI. 8.4 Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text

What am I learning?
Determine the meaning of unfamiliar words using a variety of reading strategies.

How do I know I learned?
I can determine the meaning of unfamiliar words.
I can determine the theme of a poem.
I can write a summary.

Extra Learning Opportunities
Have you read any other works from William Shakespeare?