

# Shakespearean Sonnet Maker

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

*The sonnet is one of the most popular forms of poetry. It consists of fourteen lines, each of which has ten syllables. Sonnets have a variety of rhyme schemes, but one of the most common is called "The Shakespearean Sonnet" after the playwright and poet who used the form with great effectiveness. The Shakespearean Sonnet follows an abab cdcd efef gg pattern.*

**Directions:** Use the following table to build your sonnet. Write a *single syllable* in each box – this may or may not be a single word. Each line must be ten syllables long. Follow the rhyme scheme pattern as you construct the fourteen lines of your sonnet.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	Rhyme Scheme
1.															a
2.															b
3.															a
4.															b
5.															c
6.															d
7.															c
8.															d
9.															e
10.															f
11.															e
12.															f
13.															g
14.															g

Example: William Shakespeare's Sonnet "Shall I Compare Thee. . ."

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	Rhyme Scheme
1.	Shall	I	com	pare	thee	to	a	summ	er's	day?					a
2.	Thou	art	more	love	ly	and	more	temp	er	ate.					b
3.	Rough	winds	do	shake	the	dar	ling	buds	of	May,					a
4.	And	summ	er's	lease	hath	all	too	short	a	date.					b
5.	Some	time	too	hot	the	eye	of	heav	en	shines,					c
6.	And	oft	en	is	his	gold	comp	lex	ion	dimmed;					d
7.	And	ev	ery	fair	from	fair	some	time	de	clines,					c
8.	By	chance,	or	na	ture's	chang	ing	course,	un	trimmed;					d
9.	But	thy	e	tern	al	summ	er	shall	not	fade,					e
10.	Nor	lose	poss	ess	ion	of	that	fair	thou	ow'st,					f
11.	Nor	shall	Death	brag	thou	wand'	rest	in	his	shade,					e
12.	When	in	e	tern	al	lines	to	time	thou	grow'st.					f
13.	So	long	as	men	can	breathe	or	eyes	can	see,					g
14.	So	long	lives	this,	and	this	gives	life	to	thee.					g