

SONNET 116 by William Shakespeare

1 Let me not to the marriage of true minds
2 Admit impediments. Love is not love
3 Which alters when it alteration finds,
4 Or bends with the remover to remove:
5 O no; it is an ever-fixed mark,
6 That looks on tempests, and is never shaken;
7 It is the star to every wandering [bark](#),
8 Whose worth's unknown, although his height be taken.
9 Love's not Time's fool, though rosy lips and cheeks
10 Within his bending sickle's compass come;
11 Love alters not with his brief hours and weeks,
12 But bears it out even to the edge of doom.
13 If this be error and upon me proved,
14 I never writ, nor no man ever loved.

1. Which of the following pairs of terms best describes the speaker's tone in the sonnet?
 - a. Bitter and cynical
 - b. Strong and confident
 - c. Regretful and pensive
 - d. Vengeful and serious
2. Which of the following words provides the best context clue to the meaning of the word "[bark](#)" in line 7?
 - a. alter and alteration
 - b. bends and remove
 - c. looks and shaken
 - d. tempests and star
3. Which of the following pairs of lines can be paraphrased to say, "Love is not love which changes when when it finds a change in circumstances"?
 - a. Lines 1-2
 - b. Lines 2-3
 - c. Lines 12-13
 - d. Lines 13-14
4. Which of the following provides the best objective summary of the sonnet?
 - a. True love is rarely found and should be treasured throughout time
 - b. Writing about true love presents a difficult challenge
 - c. True love always perseveres, despite any obstacles that may arise
 - d. Writing about true love allows it to persist throughout time

5. Which of the following is NOT true about this sonnet?
 - a. It contains 14 lines
 - b. It contains [iambic pentameter](#)
 - c. It contains [blank verse](#)
 - d. It contains a definitive rhyme scheme

6. Which of the following are personified in this poem?
 - a. impediments and alteration
 - b. tempest and star
 - c. mark and bark
 - d. Love and Time

7. Which of the following best describes the [form](#) of this poem?
 - a. Italian sonnet
 - b. Spenserian sonnet
 - c. English sonnet
 - d. envelope sonnet

8. Which of the following pairs of words contain [eye rhyme](#)?
 - a. minds/finds
 - b. shaken/taken
 - c. cheeks/weeks
 - d. proved/loved