

Graphic Organizers for Active Reading

Shall I Compare Thee to a Summer's Day?

William Shakespeare

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Love in Fourteen Lines

Think about someone you care for, maybe a girlfriend or boyfriend or even someone you admire from afar. Choose three things to compare this person to, and write them in the ovals of the mirror below that "mirrors" the structure of a sonnet (three quatrains and a concluding couplet). For each thing you name, write four similarities between the person you admire and the thing to which you are comparing the person. For example, you may compare the person you admire to the Caribbean Sea; both are *inviting*, *intriguing*, *warm*, and *beautiful*. Finally, sum up your feelings in two words and write them in the last two lines in the mirror.

Things:	Similarities
(1)	: _____ : _____
(2)	: _____ : _____
(3)	: _____ : _____
Summary:	_____

1. What are some differences between the person you admire and the things to which you are comparing him or her? Name at least two. _____

2. In "Shall I Compare Thee to a Summer's Day?" Shakespeare mentions differences between the person about whom he is writing and a summer's day. What is the effect of mentioning these differences? Explain. _____