

Below is William Shakespeare's "Sonnet 18." For homework I would like you to rewrite the sonnet in your own words. This is where plagiarizing can get the best of you. Even though I said in class that you could do some research about what the words meant, you cannot use someone else's translation as your own. One option you may want to choose is to write it in your own words first. Then, research it and see how you did. This way you are not tempted to take someone else's work and claim it as your own.

Sonnet 18

WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE

Shall I compare thee to a summer's day?
Thou art more lovely and more temperate:
Rough winds do shake the darling buds of May,
And summer's lease hath all too short a date;
Sometime too hot the eye of heaven shines,
And often is his gold complexion dimm'd;
And every fair from fair sometime declines,
By chance or nature's changing course untrimm'd;
But thy eternal summer shall not fade,
Nor lose possession of that fair thou ow'st;
Nor shall death brag thou wander'st in his shade,
When in eternal lines to time thou grow'st:
So long as men can breathe or eyes can see,
So long lives this, and this gives life to thee.