

Shakespeare and Love

Shakespeare's words

1. Focus on ONE of the quotations below and complete these tasks

- Explain in your own words what Shakespeare writes about love and life
- Do you agree with the quotation?-Who might have said this in a play and in which situation?
- Practise saying the quotation- talk to your table, to the ceiling, to your chair...stand up, say it again. Sit down again (normally you should walk around, but sadly not possible...), say it again.

2. What impression of Shakespeare's language do the quotations convey?

*If thou remember'st
not the slightest folly
That ever love did
make thee run into
Thou hast not loved*

As you like it, Act II, Scene 4

*Sigh no more, ladies, sigh no more!
Men were deceivers ever;
One foot on sea and one on shore;
To one thing constant never.*

Much Ado about Nothing, Act II, Scene 3



*Then come kiss me, sweet
and twenty;
Youth's a stuff will not
endure*

Twelfth Night, Act II, Scene 3

*Love is (...) a fire sparkling in
lover's eyes (...) a sea nourished
with lover's tears. What is it else?
A madness most discreet.*

Romeo and Juliet, Act I, Scene 1

*Life's but a walking shadow (...) it is a tale
Told by an idiot, full of sound and fury,
signifying nothing.*

Macbeth, Act V, Scene 5

*Love is blind and lovers cannot see
The pretty follies that they
themselves commit.*

The Merchant of Venice, Act II, Scene 6