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Below, paraphrase a Shakespearean sonnet (either Sonnet 57 or Sonnet 130). Your paraphrased sonnet should be about 14 lines. The original sonnet's lines and your paraphrased lines should match up (for the most part). For example, line 1 of your paraphrased sonnet should give the same information as line 1 of the original sonnet, but in a modern day translation.

Sonnet _____ Paraphrased:

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Sonnet Written Response Questions

1. What key topics or subjects can you identify in the sonnet? (Examples: love, power, life, death, beauty, nature, etc.) List at least two below:

A.

B.

2. List two similes or metaphors. Explain what is being compared in each.

Copy simile or metaphor below	Explanation

3. List two examples of alliteration.

A.

B.

4. Why do you think Shakespeare used alliteration in this poem? (What effect does it have on the poem?)

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5. Choose a line from the poem, and explain why you think Shakespeare chose the words that he did. (why would an author choose “home” instead of “house”?)

In line _____, Shakespeare uses the word _____ instead of _____...

6. What is the mood of the poem? Use a line from the text to support your answer.

7. What is the tone of the poem? Use a line from the text to support your answer.

8. FINALLY... Provide your own interpretation of the poem. This means, tell me what YOU think the sonnet is about in your own words.

My Interpretation	Words from text to support my interpretation
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9. What do YOU think the author's purpose was for writing this?

10. What do YOU think the central message or major takeaway is for this piece of writing?

Central Message/Main Point	Words from text to support my opinion

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