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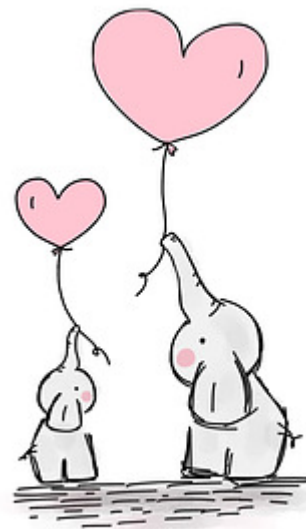
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Poetry Worksheet

Read the poem below before answering the following questions.

(Sonnet 43) How do I love thee?

How do I love thee? Let me count the ways.
I love thee to the depth and breadth and height
My soul can reach, when feeling out of sight
For the ends of being and ideal grace.
I love thee to the level of every day's
Most quiet need, by sun and candle-light.
I love thee freely, as men strive for right.
I love thee purely, as they turn from praise.
I love thee with the passion put to use
In my old griefs, and with my childhood's faith.
I love thee with a love I seemed to lose
With my lost saints. I love thee with the breath,
Smiles, tears, of all my life; and, if God choose,
I shall but love thee better after death.



Questions:

A. Read to understand

Complete the summary of the poem below. Fill the space with a word from the list below.

List: child, counting, force, death, forever, qualification, question, romantic, soul, sunrise

The poem "How Do I Love Thee" is about the expression of a person's _____
love to another. It starts with the _____: "How much do I love you?" The writer
then answers by _____ the ways of that love. The writer loves in the following
ways: loves intensely with the soul, loves every day from _____ to sunset, loves
without _____, loves truthfully without _____, loves passionately,
loves faithfully like a _____, loves with all of one's being, and loves
_____, even after _____, if God allows it.

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B. Literal questions

1. Who wrote this poem?

2. When was the poem written?

3. What is the theme of this poem?

4. Who is this poem addressing?

5. Why did the poet write this poem?

6. How does the writer describe love in this poem?

7. What does the poet hope of love after death?

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Discuss

1. Name the eight different types of love. What type of love is described in this poem?
2. How does the poet show love as being multifaceted?
3. Why does the speaker begin with the question: "How do I love thee?..."
4. Who do you think the poet describes love in physical and measurable terms.
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Inferential questions

1. Describe the writer's character?

2. Why did the poet say, "*I shall love thee better after death.*"

3. What is meant by:

a. "*I love thee freely, as men strive for right*" (lines 7)

b. "*I love thee purely, as they turn from praise.*" (lines 8)

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4. Do you think the poet is religious? Quote a line from the poem.

5. Why is the phrase “I love thee” repeated throughout the poem?

6. Name and explain one comparisons to love used in the poem.

7. Name and explain a symbols of love used in the poem?

8. What does “*childhood faith*” means?

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Read to appreciate

9. What is a sonnet?

10. List the rhyming words from the poem for the following words.

ways	Height

11. What is the rhyming scheme for this poem?

12. Why is the phrase “I love thee” repeated throughout the poem?

13. What is the tone of this poem?
