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WRITING EXERCISE 4: "SONNET 19" CHARACTER, PLOT

Directions: Analyze Shakespeare's poem "Sonnet 19" explaining how the characterization work to reveal the theme.

I. Introduction

OUTLINE

In "Sonnet 19," to preserve the beauty of a young man, the speaker asks Time to somehow overcome the ravages of what? To increase the distance between the speaker and time, what does Shakespeare do to make the character likable?

II. Body paragraphs character analysis

Discuss the delineation of Time's brutal character by analyzing how the narrator would allow Time to ravage. Use direct quotations from the poem to show how each victim and each victim's demise reveal Time's formidable power.

Symbols of power

The speaker tells Time to ravage two types of cat. What does Time become? What type of lion king is Time? What type of tiger is Time going to destroy?

Symbols of innocence

The speaker tells Time to make the earth swallow her brood. What type of character is Time? What type of animal power is Time? What type of character that it will kill a "sweet brood"?



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