

Sonnet Traits Review

sonnets = lyrics---they convey intense emotion
14 lines; iambic pentameter; two rhetorical parts

Italian/Petrarchan Octave + (volta) Sestet
 abba abba cdc dc d or cdec dcde

English/Shakespearean 3 Quatrains + (volta) Couplet
 abab cdcd efef gg

Spenserian 3 Quatrains + (volta) Couplet
 abab bcbc cdcd ee

Sidney
(Quatorzain) 2 Quatrains + (volta) 2 Tercets*
 abab baba bcc bcc

*(always ending in a couplet)

Volta (turn) = main shift in all sonnets

Two Rhetorical Parts of an Argument

Question—Answer
Problem—Solution