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BRIT LIT
Golden Age Test II
Volume 3 - Shakespeare

MEMORIZATION: (45 pts)

Orally deliver to your instructor the following selections:

First four lines of *Beowulf* in Anglo Saxon _____ / 15

Selection from *Beowulf* in modern English _____ / 15

Beginning of *The Canterbury Tales* in Middle English _____ / 15

POETRY: (15 pts)

Who is the author of this poem? _____

Does the poem contain an apostrophe? _____

Down the left side of the poem, mark the rhyme scheme. Highlight all the alliteration. Underline and quickly explain all the repetition of important words, ideas, or themes. Mark the turn.

Shall I compare thee to a summer's day?
Thou art more lovely and more temperate:
Rough winds do shake the darling buds of May,
And summer's lease hath all too short a date:
Sometime too hot the eye of heaven shines,
And often is his gold complexion dimm'd;
And every fair from fair sometime declines,
By chance or nature's changing course untrimm'd;
But thy eternal summer shall not fade
Nor lose possession of that fair thou owest;
Nor shall Death brag thou wander'st in his shade,
When in eternal lines to time thou growest:
So long as men can breathe or eyes can see,
So long lives this and this gives life to thee.

ESSAY: (40 pts)

*On a separate sheet of paper, write an essay of **400-500 words** discussing the following question. Make sure that you include specific details from the text and demonstrate engagement with the material and original thought.*

Pick one theme that shows up in both *Beowulf* and in *Hamlet*, and compare the two, discussing how that theme shows up in each work.