

Ways to Live Forever

Think about the title of the book. How many ways can you think of to make sure that you, or someone you love, can live forever? (Hint: try to think about methods of making the memory live on)

1. Now read the poem below:

William Shakespeare - Sonnet 18

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 oft' 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 wanderest 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.

2. What methods does Shakespeare use to make sure that the person in his poem lives forever?
3. Now think of someone or something that you want to live forever. Using this poem and the ideas from the start of the lesson to help you, write a poem which will make this person live on.