

Comparing 'To His Coy Mistress' and 'How Do I Love Thee?'

Task 1

Decide whether these statements are **true or false**. If they are false, **correct** them. Then **find a quotation from the poem to support your views**.

1. The man in 'To His Coy Mistress' feels that time is unlimited.
2. The woman in 'How Do I Love Thee?' feels that time is no barrier to their love.
3. The man in 'To His Coy Mistress' is only concerned with the woman's appearance.
4. The woman in 'How Do I Love Thee?' does not mention looks at all.
5. The love in 'To His Coy Mistress' is unconditional love.
6. The woman in 'How Do I Love Thee?' places no conditions on her love for the man.
7. The love in 'How Do I Love Thee?' is a sexual love with no feelings for the person.
8. The love in 'To His Coy Mistress' is a spiritual and emotional love, which will last forever.
9. Death is used to frighten the man in 'How Do I Love thee?'
10. In 'To His Coy Mistress', death is used to show how the love felt is genuine and true.

Task 2

The themes in the poems are: **appearance, time, death** and **marriage**. In your own words explain what is suggested about each in both poems.