

Read both "Annabel Lee" and "Sonnet 18" and write an extended response in which you

- Identify and explain a similar idea found in both poems. Support with reference to both poems.

A similar idea found in both poems is that a trait, such as beauty or love, will continue through death. In "Annabel Lee", Poe says, "A wind blew out of a cloud, chilling my beautiful Annabel Lee. So that her kinsmen came and bore her away, from me, to shut her up in a sepulchre," and in "Sonnet 18" ("Nor shall Death brag thou wanderst in his shade, when in eternal lines to time thou growest") both of these meaning that the person has died or will soon die. Poe then says, "But our love it was stronger by far than the love of those who were older than we - Of many far wiser than we - and neither the angels in heaven above, nor the demons down under the sea, Can ever dis sever my soul from the soul of the beautiful Annabel Lee," while Shakespeare says "So long as men can breathe or eyes can see, So long lives this and this gives life to thee," both of these meaning that while the person may die, their beauty or the love between two people will live on as long as the memory of Annabel Lee for Poe or people reading the sonnet continue. This idea is important to society, especially the teenagers of today, because a lot of teenagers do not realize that this is the best time of their lives now, and they have to make the most of it. People also like to know or would at least like to think that love goes on forever, no matter what happens, even death, between people and their love.