***Bell Work***

Read the two definitions for “passion” on page 28 of **Career Choices**. Write them down. Now add your definition of “passion” to the list.

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***Journal Writing***

Love is one form of passion. What does the word “love” mean to you? Are there different kinds of love? Explain. What other words come to mind when you think of the word “love”?

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*From* Sonnets from the Portuguese

*By Elizabeth Barrett Browning*

Sonnet 43

How do I love thee? Let me count the ways.

I love thee to the depth and breadth and height

My soul can reach, when feeling out of sight

For the ends of Being and ideal Grace.

I love thee to the level of everyday’s

Most quiet need, by sun and candle-light.

I love thee freely, as men strive for Right;

I love thee purely, as they turn from Praise.

I love thee with the passion put to use

In my old griefs, and with my childhood’s faith.

I love thee with a love I seemed to lose

With my lost saints, -- I love thee with the breath,

Smiles, tears, of all my life!—and, if God choose,

I shall but love thee better after death.

1. How does the speaker connect her love to the experiences of childhood?
2. Do you think the author represents a young person who has just fallen for someone at school or a young woman or man who is ready to make a commitment to their love? Site specific evidence from the poem to defend your view.

**Figurative Language: Hyperbole**

*Hyperbole* is a deliberate overstatement that is not meant to be taken literally. It is an exaggerated statement used to heighten effect and make a point.

*Examples:*

The hurdler jumped so high she touched the sky.

The stale cookie is as hard as a rock.

I love the whole world.

1. The following are questions that can be answered by using hyperbole. Be sure to use complete sentences.

How big was the crowd?

How bad was your report card?

How mad was your mom when you disobeyed her?

How hard are you working?

1. Find all of the examples of hyperbole in “Sonnet 43” and make a list of them.

**Writing Style: Copy Change**

Review your lists of passion on page 29 of **Career Choices**. Write a poem that reflects your strong feelings for one of your passions. Use Browning’s structure to explain how and why you feel the way you do. Begin your poem with Browning’s famous first line, incorporating your passion.

*Examples:*

How do I love horses? Let me count the ways!

How do I love music? Let me count the ways!

How do I love sunsets? Let me count the ways!

Be sure to incorporate the use of hyperbole into your poem.