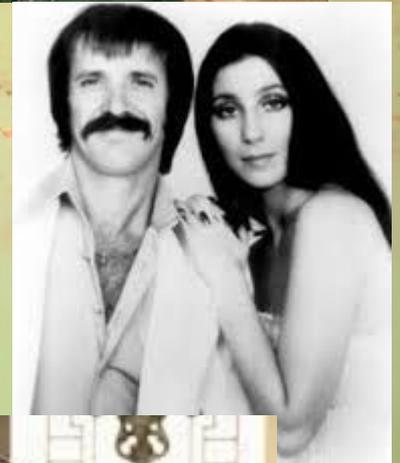
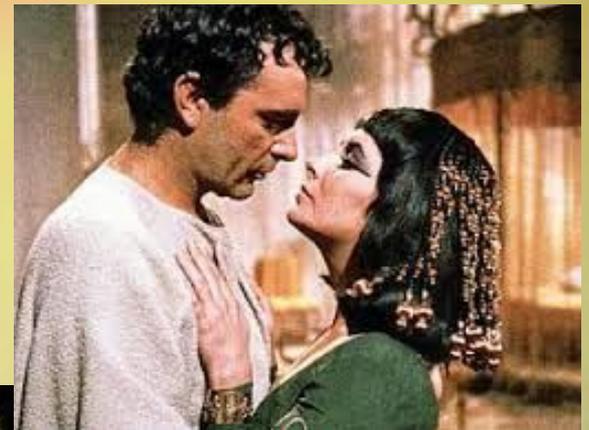


# Love



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# What do they all have in common?

...all are examples of romantic love.

## Task:

- Working in groups, use the post it notes provided to come up with as many other types of love you can think of (5 minutes)
- Use the 'Graffiti Wall' to display your response
- Discussion



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## Focus on the more 'practical' types of love

- **Love of a parent for a child**
- **How is this type of love demonstrated? (discussion)**



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## Poem – *Those Winter Sundays*, Robert Hayden

Sundays too my father got up early  
and put his clothes on in the blueblack cold,  
then with cracked hands that ached  
from labour in the weekday weather made  
banked fires blaze. No one ever thanked him.

I'd wake and hear the cold splintering, breaking.  
When the rooms were warm, he'd call,  
and slowly I would rise and dress,  
fearing the chronic angers of that house,

Speaking indifferently to him,  
who had driven out the cold  
and polished my good shoes as well.  
What did I know, what did I know  
of love's austere and lonely offices?



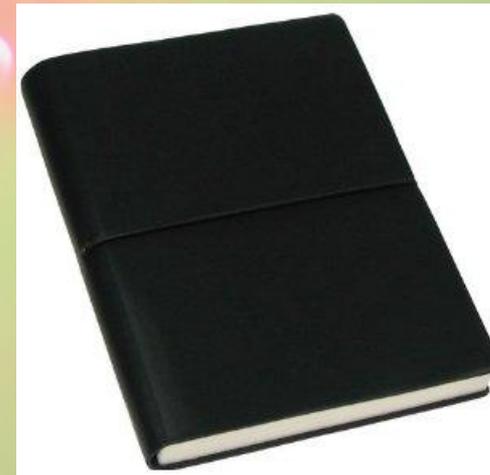
# Questions

1. How does the father in this poem demonstrate his love for his son?
2. What evidence is there that the son did not appreciate what his father did for him?
3. Do you think he regrets not showing his appreciation more? What is your evidence?
4. Select two pieces of evidence that show that the father was a hard worker.
5. What do you think the final question means?



## Extension Task

**Imagine you are the father...write a diary entry (or a series of diary entries) in which you explore the persona's thoughts and feelings about his life and his relationship with his son.**



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## Focus on the more 'practical' types of love

- **Love for country/culture**
- **How is this type of love demonstrated?**  
**(Discussion)**



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## Poem – *I Shall Return*, Claude McKay

I shall return again; I shall return  
To laugh and love and watch with wonder eyes  
At golden noon the forest fires burn,  
Wafting their blue-black smoke to sapphire skies.

I shall return to loiter by the streams  
That bathe the brown blades of the bending grasses,  
And realise once more my thousand dreams  
Of waters rushing down the mountain passes.

I shall return to hear the fiddle and fife  
Of village dances, dear delicious tunes  
That stir the hidden depths of native life,  
Stray melodies of dim remembered runes.

I shall return, I shall return again,  
To ease my mind of long, long years of pain.



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# Questions

1. What promise does the poet make to himself in this poem?
2. How many times is the title repeated throughout the poem? Why do you think the poet does this?
3. The poem is written in the form of a sonnet. A sonnet is a poem (usually a love poem) made up of three quatrains and a couplet. Why do you think the poet chose to write his poem in this form?
4. What feelings does the poet associate with Jamaica? (line 2)
5. Look at how the poet uses colour in lines 3 and 4. What effect does this have?
6. Make a list of all the things the poet imagines himself doing when he returns to Jamaica.
7. How would you describe the pace and rhythm of the second quatrain? What atmosphere do you think McKay wanted to create?
8. What memories does McKay have of his home village?
9. Read the last line of the poem. In the light of the poet's background, what experiences might have caused him "long, long years of pain."?
10. How did this poem make you feel? Give reasons for your answer.



## Extension Task

- **Imagine you had to leave your home and your country behind and live somewhere else.**
- **Rewrite Claude McKay's poem, filling in the blanks to show what you would miss about your own country.**
- **Use the template provided.**

