What is Beauty? How do we define it? Romeo and Juliet offers us many descriptions of beauty that are firmly set in the Elizabethan Era. What holds true today?

1. **Come up with at least 10 criteria you'd use to classify an object as beautiful.** Try to move beyond just synonyms for beauty (gorgeous, ravishing, etc.)

   *If you're stuck, try thinking about a flower. What makes it beautiful? What makes a house beautiful?*

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   From what you and your classmates came up with, are any patterns emerging? What do you notice?

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2. **Now come up with at least 10 criteria that are used today to classify a person as beautiful.** These can focus on internal and external qualities. Be as specific as you can.

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3. **Look at the Romeo and Juliet quotes on the board.** See if you can find the key word or concept that is repeated over and over again in each group.

   **Group One**  **Group Two**  **Group Three**  **Group Four**

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Do you have any issues with the four words above all being used to describe beauty?

Why or why not?

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