

School

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# TEEN SPIRIT



## 1 What kind of teacher are you?

Naturally, it is not good for people to assess themselves, because I think that the opinion of other people is more objective. However, I think I am young, handsome, and still have the desire to work as a teacher.

## 2. How old were you when you fell in love for the first time?

I was 17. As usual, my first girlfriend was a classmate of mine.

## 3. Do you think that a real love can exist when you are still a student?

You mean, could it develop into something bigger? Definitely yes! The best example, which I could point is my wife and me. We used to be classmates for four years, we fell in love when we were in 11 grade. And now, we are still together.

## 4. In your opinion, which is the best gift for St. Valentine?

No matter what the present is, true feelings are what matters. It sounds old-fashioned, but I think it is true.

## 5. What present would you like for St. Valentine's Day?

I would love to go for a romantic walk along the canals of Venice, for instance. Of course, with the person I love.

## 6. St. Valentine or St. Trifon Zarezan?

Definitely St. Trifon Zarezan!

## 7. Why?

St. Trifon Zarezan is our traditional patron, linked with the traditional rituals of our great-grandfathers. St. Valentine does not sound familiar for me. I think a feast day like this is quite artificial. Love is a feeling you should show every day, not just one day in the year.

## 8. What will you wish to all your students and colleagues?

The key word of this celebration is LOVE, I want to wish everybody so much love for their partner, love for the work, which they do, and love for nature, because we shouldn't forget that, without love, our lives would be grey and boring.

# Students' Workshop

## Love Essays

### **Love is like a pear – it is sweet and shapely but try describing it without saying pear**

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Love is something which is easy to understand but it is very hard to explain its meaning. When you ask someone what love is he or she will not be sure what to tell you. When you get an answer it will depend on the person you ask. Different people will give you different answers and the conclusion is that there is no strict definition for the word love.

Some scientists try to find out what love is but they don't seem to come to an agreement. Biologists think love is our instinct for reproduction, chemists think that love is the result of chemical processes which take place in our brain and there are many more explanations. In spite of their efforts scientists will never find a rational explanation about love. Because we know more about the surface of the moon and about the depths of the ocean than we know about the mysteries of the human soul. The common definitions which are given in various dictionaries are also not good enough. Everyone will agree that "a feeling of affection" is not everything about love.

The true meaning of love can be understood only by falling in love and its secret can't be shared with anyone else. But if we know what love truly is without discovering the answer by ourselves we will lose interest in falling in love.

Personally, I think we must enjoy love and not search for the answer what it truly is. Because some things exist to be enjoyed and not to be studied.

### **Love Begins with a Smile, Grows with a Kiss and Ends with a Tear**

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Love is the most exciting, sweet and mysterious feeling in the world that can change your whole life. It is something which no one can explain but everyone can feel. You cannot touch or understand what exactly it is before you really feel it but you can see it reflected in the eyes of someone in love. You can feel it in a smile, you can feel it with a kiss and you can't imagine that you may lose it someday.

Some people say that there is love at first sight. And I believe them. I think that love begins with smiling eyes and grows with every kiss, hug and touch day by day. It makes you feel happy and protected and makes you smile for no reason and some people have "butterflies in their stomach". When you love someone you stop caring of other people's opinion and very soon you start having great affection for that person. Your beloved becomes your best friend. And of course love is trust between two people- if there is no trust nothing else goes far.

Unfortunately, sometimes love is unshared or the feelings of your beloved are gone and then comes the hardest part -when you have to separate .It is the most difficult and painful moment in a human relationship and then even the feelings at the beginning are less strong than these at the end. Then the tears come...

However, love is a game sometimes too complicated. It can be beautiful or ugly. And there are no winners or loser in the end.

### **"When love is not madness - it is not love"**

- Pedro Calderon de la Barca

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If there is a word that can perfectly describe one's love it definitely would be "madness". Maybe because the border between love and madness is very thin or because when we fall in love we see and hear things in a way we want to, not the way they actually are. We live in a fancy world and like some people say, we see the world through our own pink glasses.

A person who is in love does not eat or drink- he lives with the power that love gives him. He does not need rest or sleep like every human being does- all he needs is his beloved, and here comes the madness. Love makes us stay awake late at night with the phone in hand, despite the fact that we have an exam the next morning. Love makes us go out with our boy or girl even when our parents have explicitly forbidden it. Like a couple of swans we feel unhappy and sad when our soul-mate is away and with this swan's strength we are ready to die without him or her. However, exactly this love that can demolish us in the end of our relationship can also give us wings. It

shows us the beautiful side of the world, proves that there is nothing we cannot do and that is why we often do things we have never thought about before like missing lessons at school, just riding a motorcycle with our boyfriend and then to spending hours talking and smiling at each other. But isn't that love? The pointless risks we take sometimes and the absent-minded behavior are parts of love.

Love makes us get out of our minds; it takes our minds away and lets the heart rule. It brings us "a tres metros sobre el cielo" just like in the movie and then inverts our world, but we do not mind, do we? Still, when love is not a kind of madness it is not love at all.

To love is to destroy, and to be loved is to be the one destroyed

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I once read in a book a story about a six year old boy whose father gave him a falcon to train. The falcon was scary and wild but the boy tried because his father had told him to make the falcon obedient, and he wanted to please his father. The boy tried very hard although he was scared. Soon he realized that the falcon was not so awful, he got attached to it and the falcon loved him, too. When the falcon was perfectly tamed the boy went to his father expecting him to be proud. Instead the father took the tamed bird and broke its neck. He said, "I told you to make it obedient. Instead you taught it to love you. Falcons are not meant to be laying pets: they are fierce and wild, savage and cruel. This bird was not tamed, it was broken". The boy cried over his pet after his father left him until a servant took the body of the bird away to bury it. The boy never cried again, and he never forgot what he had learnt: that to love is to destroy, and that to be loved is to be the one destroyed.

Was the boy's father right? Do we destroy the people we love by loving them? Or do we destroy the people surrounding us? For example if two girls, who are good friends, fall for the same boy and start competing for his attention don't they destroy their friendship? Sometimes if we love someone we smother them, we do not give them enough personal space. It is better to set the person you love free and if he or she returns then their love is genuine. Or when someone hates you and you hate him or her

even if they hurt you it is never as bad as it is when someone you love hurts you. We always make mistakes that affect our beloved. Most of the time we do not do it on purpose or in some cases we are sure that we are doing it for their own good.

It is hard to explain or to understand love. For me it is even harder to believe in it. I am not sure if it is real or if it is just a big lie, a human invention. But in my opinion love makes us better people. Even if a lot of people have done horrible things because of love, even if it is just a deception, there is one thing I am absolutely sure about – the boy's father was wrong - love cannot only destroy, it can change people, it may even change the world one day, all it takes is for us to start believing in it.

**Love doesn't make the world go round. Love is what makes the ride worthwhile**

**Franklin Jones**

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What is love? A passion, an attraction, a closeness, a gentleness? Love is considered to be the feeling which makes our heart stop, our knees tremble and causes us to have butterflies in our stomach, but love is much more. It is a feeling of being connected with another person and the desire to spend the whole time in the world together, sharing the good and bad moments.

Throughout their whole life people search for true love but usually they must put up with the closest to their ideal and even this way it is worth it. He or she may not be the perfect but they will do anything to make you feel happy and safe and being privileged to experience it you have to consider yourself a really lucky person.

Although there are many people who have tried to explain love, still nobody did it because it is impossible. Even when you are in love you are not sure how exactly you feel because every time it is different, individual and unique. This is something you do not face every day and you cannot foresee. It just happens and changes your whole world and when it comes into your life it stays there forever.

Love is a ride itself. It goes in one direction then turns in another but at any moment it makes you feel you are in heaven. It may not make the world go round but the world goes around love.

## **The man in the tower**

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Many years ago, when I was only a child, I lived in one of these wonderful calm and nice neighborhoods with white houses and green lawns in front of the. I loved to spent time with m y friends there – we were some teenage kids who loved the adventures.

One night we were together in my house. My parents were out of the town so we were alone. One boy started to tell the story of the man who lived in the tower. The tower was one kilometer away of the neighborhood, near the river. That man had never spoken to anyone, he only appeared sometimes in the neighborhood's store. He scared everyone with his dirty clothes, big beard and black eyes. He was like from another world. The boy's story was that the Tower man, kidnapped people late at night and the killed them in the tower. We were a group of some brave and adventurous teenagers so we decided to go and see what the Tower man was really doing, or maybe to save a life. So we took my mother's car and went to the river. When we arrived we weren't so brave. While we were going to the tower we saw some red spots of a liquid which looked like blood. There were many knives too. We were very scared. Then the Tower man came up.

We all started to shout but then he told us to calm down with a nice voice. We sat and talked with him. He was actually a good man, his name was John and he was a hunter. That's why there was blood and knives. And now at least we knew the name of the man who lived in the tower.

## **The ghost from the tower**

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This summer when I and my friends were on vacation in London something strange happened to us. One night while we were walking on the street and laughing someone called my name. But it wasn't some of my friends and there was no one else on the street so I thought that I misheard and we continued to walk. Five minutes later I heard that voice again, but this time it was closer to me like someone was whispering on my ear. I was really scared so I told my friends about that and we walked faster and when we went on Main Street we called a cab to come and get us to the hotel.

The following night we were going back from diner on that same street again. This time someone called my friends' name. I heard where it was coming from. We went on to that direction. It was an old creepy tower. We entered it then we got to the top of it. There was a room, it was really messy like someone lived there, but there was no one in it.

On the next day the exact same happened. This time we went on the top, we entered the room and the door behind us banged, the glass from the window broke, the bulb burst in the air and the clothes from the wardrobe scattered around the room. We heard a screaming voice, female voice. Then everything calmed down. We tried to run out but the door was locked we couldn't get out from the window too, because it was too high. We sat in the corner next to each other and we waited. Somehow everyone fell asleep. I woke up and the sun was shining in my eyes. I got up and tried to open the door this time it was unlocked. I woke up my friends and we run out as fast as we could and called for a cab.

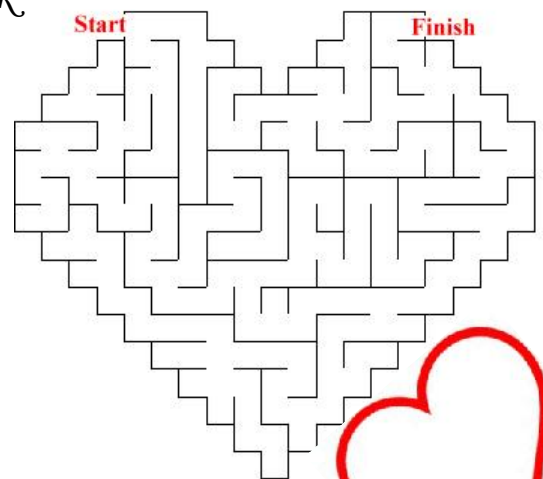


When we told the driver what happened to us he told us a story about the ghost who's believed to live there. It was Jack the Ripper, yeah that one the famous serial murderer. We never walked on that street again but now at last we knew the name of the man who lived in the tower.

## Top 20 Love songs

*If you want to impress someone and to share your feelings, but you don't know how, just send him/her one of these songs...*

1. Whitney Houston – “I will always love you”
2. Selena Gomez – “Love you like a love song”
3. Mariah Carey – “My all”
4. Lenny Kravitz – “Believe in me”
5. Minnie Rapperton – “Lovin' you”
6. Stevie Wonder – “I just called to say I love you”
7. Bryan Adams – “Everything I do”
8. Rihanna – “We found love”
9. Nicole Scherzinger – “Baby love”
10. Justin Timberlake – “My love”
11. Beyonce – “Halo”
12. Leona Lewis – “Bleeding love”
13. Darren Hayes – “Insatiable”
14. Robbie Williams – “Feel”
15. Enrique Iglesias – “Hero”
16. Michael Jackson – “Give in to me”
17. Celine Dion – “My heart will go on”
18. Alicia Keys – “Fallin'”
19. Savage Garden – “To the moon and back”
20. Tony Braxton – “Unbreak my heart”



## Valentine's Day Word Search

Find the hidden words associated with St. Valentine's Day.

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 HEARTS  
 LOVE  
 PARAMOUR  
 PASSION  
 POEMS  
 ROMANCE  
 ROMEO  
 SWEETHEART  
 TRUELOVE  
 VALENTINE



## Love quotes

*I love you - those three words have my life in them.*  
 ~ by *Alexandrea to Nicholas III* ~



*When you love someone, all your saved-up wishes start coming out.*  
 ~ by *Elizabeth Bowen (1899-1973)* ~

*The greatest thing you'll ever learn is to love and be loved in return.*  
 ~ by *Natalie Cole* ~



*Just be strong to let go of someone you really love when you know from the start that he will never be yours.*

*We both have no idea if we're gonna be together in the end but one thing is for sure I'll do everything I can to make it happen.*



# Love Lyrics

## Most famous love lyrics of all times

Love is a universal word known otherwise as romance or that special relationship worth remembering and cherishing until you die. Next to happiness everyone searches for their soul mates, which can bring that divine intimacy and happiness insurmountable and unparalleled in life.

Love songs are one of the most famous forms of expressing love to one another. It's the right song which usually sets the right mood or the ambience for a romantic evening or during a candle lit dinner with your beloved.

The song lyrics convey to your love what your heart wants to, but your mouth just cannot.

Although many love songs or romantic musicals are available some singers or some songs always are the favorites for lovers. As for me I always remember Lionel Ritchie's song 'Hello, is it me you're looking for'. Somehow I can relate my personal experiences with this one song that has remained my favorite until now and forever it shall remain.

The lyrics of this song convey the deep longing for the lover and the agony of the long wait to at least listen to his voice is very beautifully portrayed in this song. The passion with which the singer sings the song has brought tears into my eyes many a times. Just see the depth of the songs lyrics in these lines below,

I've been alone with you inside my mind,  
And in my dreams I've kissed your lips a thousand times,  
I sometimes see you pass outside my door, HELLO,  
Is it me you're looking for?

Lionel Ritchie

I had felt the same passion and emotion in Bryan Adam's love songs. Especially the song named 'have you really loved a woman', I feel that every man should listen to this song if he loves someone or generally to know what a woman expects in a man when she loves someone.

When you love a woman  
You tell her that she's the one  
She needs somebody  
To tell her that it's gonna last forever  
So tell me have you ever really



Really really ever loved a woman'

Bryan Adams

I remember passing this lyrics and the song in particular to my soul mate just to make sure he understands. Love songs really can explain wonderfully and musically too what you wish to tell your lover. Naturally we don't have the poetic lyric or the fantastically coined words.

Who can forget the most enchanting and heart breaking love story of the movie Titanic. It is a classic movie of our times worth seeing and feeling the pain and agony which goes with the magical association called LOVE. The heart throbbing song sung by Celine Dion my heart will go on, is still going through the hearts of so many lovers.

Love can touch us one time and last for a lifetime,  
and never let go till we're gone.

Love was when I loved you, one true time I hold to  
in my life we'll always go on.

Near, far, wherever you are,  
I believe that the heart does go on

Celine Dion

Nobody can express true love the way this songs attempt to. What a wonderful song and how beautifully the words are coined to soothe the hearts and souls of the romantic lovers world wide.

Whatever position you might hold in love, whether searching, found or broke up you name it and the love songs have it just in time to suit your love needs. Love songs can drive the lovers crazy and get them madly in love with one another. They serve as cupid for many who come together as lovers through these love songs. Many still further remember even after breakups their past memories when they listen to these songs.

Somehow lovers deeply in love with one another don't think about the fact that these songs are written and sung by artists for wide audience. They somehow associate these songs as uniquely written for their own personal need. These songs speak the love language during silent times and spin the love web firmly during times of fire. Like Bryan Adams rightly said, Please believe it every word I say is true. Please forgive me I can't stop loving you.

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