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Sample answer: Shakespeare's writing is timeless because his characters and storylines are as relevant now as they were when he wrote them long ago.
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Sample answer: Shakespeare believed that language is more than words and basic communication. He used his creativity to paint pictures with words, much like an artist creates images with a paintbrush.

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