

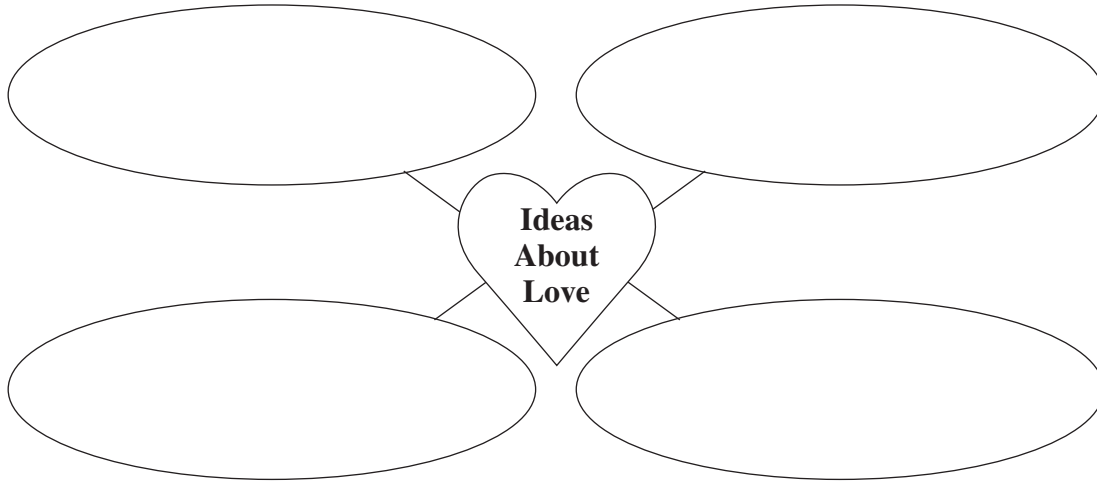
Reading Skill

COMPARE THEMES

The **theme** of a poem is its underlying message about life or human nature. Love is a common topic for poetry, but not all love poetry has the same theme. Poets express different ideas about love through both direct statements and figurative language. When you compare two themes, look for ideas that the poets share, as well as ways in which their views of a topic are different.

Directions: Complete the diagrams to compare the themes of “Sonnet 43” and “Remembrance.” Include ideas about direct statements and figurative statements in each poem.

“Sonnet 43”



“Remembrance”

