**Day 1- The Paintings of Majnun Layla**

**Part 1- See-Think-Wonder**
In groups of four, record what you see in the paintings, what you think about them, and what you wonder about them in the columns below.

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**Part 2- Discussion**
1. Have you heard a similar story before?
2. What characters from plays, operas or stories could you compare to Qays and Layla?
3. Do you know of any real people who have been through a similar ordeal?
4. Have you heard songs that are about a similar love story?
Day 2- The Poetry

Read the following poems and excerpts:

I pass by these walls, the walls of Layla
And I kiss this wall and that wall
It’s not Love of the houses that has taken my heart
But of the One who dwells in those houses
- Qays

O, she doth teach the torches to burn bright!
It seems she hangs upon the cheek of night
Like a rich jewel in an Ethiope's ear;
Beauty too rich for use, for earth too dear!
So shows a snowy dove trooping with crows,
As yonder lady o'er her fellows shows.
The measure done, I'll watch her place of stand,
And, touching hers, make blessed my rude hand.
Did my heart love till now? forswear it, sight!
For I ne'er saw true beauty till this night.
- Shakespeare (Romeo, upon seeing Juliet for the first time)

The day! The day!
Hate and detestation
of the envious day,
the cruellest foe!
Would that, as you quenched the torch,
I could extinguish the glare
of importunate daylight,
to avenge all love's sorrows!
Is there one grief
or one pain
that it does not awaken
with its light?
Even in the spreading
splendour of night
my beloved sheltered it at her house,
reaching out to me like a threat.
- R. Wagner (Tristan, during an aria in Tristan and Isolde)

BCR- How can love be both wonderful and painful?
Day 3- Sharing and Reflection

Following the class presentations, please answer the questions below.

1. What do you feel you gained from this experience?
2. What would you like to know more about?
3. Did this experience change your perspective or art/music in any way?

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