

A Midsummer Night's Dream



Name _____ Date _____

PART 1: TRUE/FALSE

Directions: Read the following statements carefully and decide whether they are true or false.

Circle TRUE if you think the statement is true, circle FALSE if you think the statement is false.

If the answer is false, correct it to make it true.

1. TRUE or FALSE: At the end of the play, Hermia ends up with Lysander.
2. TRUE or FALSE: Demetrius was originally in love with Helena, but because of a love potion, ends up in love with Hermia.
3. TRUE or FALSE: Puck is a mischievous fairy and loves playing tricks on people. Puck is also extremely loyal to Oberon. By the end of the play, Puck is genuinely concerned about the fate of the Athenian lovers. Because of these differing qualities, Puck is a static character.
4. TRUE or FALSE: Oberon sends Puck to find the flower so he can make Titania fall in love with something hideous.
5. TRUE or FALSE: Egeus is upset with Hermia at the beginning of the play because she wants to join a play with Quince.

PART 2: MATCHING

Directions: Match the literary term in Column B to the corresponding definition in Column A by placing the letter of the term in the blank in front of the definition. Not terms answers will be used, no term will be used more than once.

6. _____ Demetrius' feelings towards Helena and Hermia change throughout the play, this inner change over the course of play makes him what?
7. _____ Main idea or underlying message of the play.
8. _____ Background information typically presented at the beginning of the play.
9. _____ Lysander does not undergo much change throughout the play and loved Hermia throughout. This makes him what?
10. _____ Sequence of events that makes up the story.

A. Plot B. Theme C. Climax D. Exposition E. Static Character F. Dynamic Character

PART 3: MULTIPLE CHOICE

Directions: Choose the best option from the ones provided. Write the letter of your answer on the line provided.

11. _____ Which of the following is NOT an example of a character's action developing the plot of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*?
 - a. Puck listens to Oberon and decides to sprinkle the love potion into Lysander's eyes
 - b. Lysander and Hermia agree to meet in the woods and elope
 - c. Titania refuses to give up the child to Oberon
 - d. Theseus and Nick Bottom get into a swordfight because Theseus accidentally killed Bottom's father while he was hiding behind a curtain

12. _____ Puck's final monologue serves many purposes. Which of the following is not one of them?
- a. It thanks the audience
 - b. It tells the audience that the actors will gladly accept praise and gifts after the show
 - c. It alludes to the audience that they were asleep and dreaming the entire time
 - d. It asks that the audience pardons the frivolous entertainment
13. _____ Which of these is most likely why Shakespeare included the play within the play?
- a. He put it in place of an intermission, to refocus the attention of the audience
 - b. His play was not long enough, so he added the other play as a filler
 - c. It allows Shakespeare to comment on the nature of art and theater
 - d. Shakespeare could not decide which play to write, so he included both
14. _____ Helena tells Demetrius of Lysander and Hermia's plan to elope for which of the following reasons?
- a. She hopes they can help the two safely escape
 - b. She hopes by telling him this, it will prove that Hermia loves Lysander
 - c. She thinks Demetrius will be upset and try to kill Lysander
 - d. She wants Demetrius to tell Egeus, who will stop Hermia and Lysander

15. _____ What happens when the fairies put the flower juice on a person's eyes?
- a. The person will fall in love with the first thing he or she sees
 - b. The person's head will turn into the head of whatever animal the fairy chooses
 - c. The person will have weird, vivid dreams
 - d. The person will enter the world of the fairies

PART 4: COMPLETION

Directions: Complete the following

16. "The course of true love never did run smooth" is said by Lysander at the beginning of the play when he realizes

17. "Love looks not with the eyes, but with the mind, / And therefore is winged Cupid painted blind." is said by Helena to express

18. "O, when she's angry, she is keen and shrewd! She was a vixen when she went to school; And though she be but little, she is fierce." is said about which character?

PART 5: ESSAY

Directions: Answer the following questions in two well-developed essays. Provide support from the text to the best of your ability without being able to access the text. The suggested length for each question follows the question. Write your answer in the space provided after the questions and be sure to indicate which question you are answering.

19. At the beginning of the play, Demetrius loves Hermia. After being influenced by the love potion, he loves Helena and marries her at the end. Do you believe Demetrius really loved Helena or that he remains under the spell of the flower? How does this affect the play's theme of love? (1 paragraph)
20. Choose one of the major themes of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. Analyze two characters and evaluate how their actions advanced the theme you selected. If you choose love, you cannot use the example of the question above. (At least two paragraphs)