



A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM

In *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, Shakespeare creates a world of fantasy in which love plays the most important part. Awakening turns into a risk all lovers can run. Go through these exercises and solve the questions.

THE PLOT. Complete the blanks to make a brief summary of the play.

The _____ of Athens, Theseus, gives _____, who is in love with Lysander, four days to choose between love and duty. Her _____, Egeus, wants her to marry _____. The lovers flee to the woods pursued by Helena, _____ is in love with Demetrius. Meanwhile, Oberon, the fairy _____, and _____, the fairy queen, are arguing over a boy they both want. In the woods, everyone will have to fight to find their true love.

THE CHARACTERS. Write the name of the characters according to the clues given.

NAME	WHO?
	She flees to the woods with Lysander.
	He's Oberon's sprite.
	At first, he is in love with Hermia.
	He appears wearing an ass's head.

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WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE



NEW WORDS. Read these words. Which characters can they be applied to?

rehearse

play a trick

the law of Athens

argue

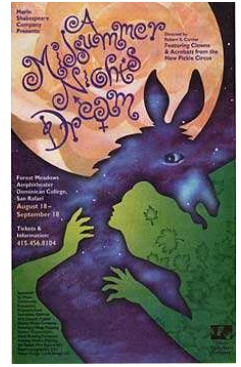
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CHARACTERS	NEW WORDS
Theseus	
Puck	
Helena	
Bottom and Peter Quince	
Oberon and Titania	

NEW WORDS. Write two meaningful sentences with these two words from the play.

MISTAKE

AWAKE



QUESTIONS. Answer these questions about the play.

1. Why do Bottom and Peter Quincey go to the wood?
2. Who does Titania fall in love with? Why?
3. Where does the magic juice come from? What is it used for?
4. Why do you think Shakespeare's play is called "*A Midsummer Night's Dream*"?

WRITING. Take the part of Hermia and write a letter to Theseus telling him why you refuse to marry Demetrius.

Dear Duke of Athens,

Yours faithfully,