

A Midsummer Night's Dream: Short Writing Assignment (15 points)



Please compose one thoughtful, interesting paragraph that concludes with an arguable thesis. (8-10 brilliant sentences)

First, review *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. Without consulting the internet or other sources, please consider the question:

What is one idea or issue that you believe Shakespeare is commenting on in *A Midsummer Night's Dream*? Another way to consider this question: What is Shakespeare's purpose in writing this play? What might he like his audience to think about?

- 1. Please write a clear, arguable thesis that answers the question posed above.
- 2. Develop an introduction, including a hook, that introduces your thesis.
- 3. Finish the introduction with your thesis statement
- 4. Find 3 quotations from the play that you believe support your thesis. Type them below your introduction. Include Act, Scene, and Lines.

Please double-space your paragraph. It should look like the introduction to a longer essay.

Sample:

HOOK and INTRO here. (4-7 sentences) In *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, William Shakespeare suggests that marriage is essential to a happy life.

Supporting Quotations:

#1

Theseus:

Now, fair Hippolyta, our nuptial hour Draws on apace. Four happy days bring in another moon. (1.1.1-3)

#2

Add Quote #2

#3

Add Quote #3

