

A Midsummer Night's Dream

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Act 5 Study Questions

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6. How does Shakespeare use the comments from the audience to enhance the humor of the play that they are watching?

7. What is Hippolyta's reaction to the play?

8. In what way is Thisby's final speech humorous?

9. What does Oberon tell the fairies to do?

10. What is the purpose of Puck's final speech?