

A Mid-Summer Night's Dream ~ Final Exam

Directions: Choose from one of the prompts below to write a 5-paragraph essay. You should have 7-10 sentences in each paragraph that will show your ability to discuss the topics effectively. Please watch how you use the 6-Traits of Writing which are: Ideas, Organization, Voice, Word Choice, Sentence Fluency and Conventions (Grammar/Spelling).

1. Some people believe that by having Lysander first love Hermia, and then suddenly switch his devotion to Helena, Shakespeare is saying that love is an accident and that a person might as easily love one person as another. Do you think this is Shakespeare's message? Remember to include examples with quotes and citations.
2. *A Midsummer Night's Dream* is considered the most popular of Shakespeare's comedies. What do you think accounts for its popularity? You might want to consider the elements of a good Comedy when discussing this theme. Remember to include examples with quotes and citations.
3. Compare and contrast the relationships of Shakespeare's times with those of our times. For example, you could discuss parent/child, boyfriend/girlfriend, owner/servant or husband/wife relationships. Are there some things in these relationships that are still present in our day as in Shakespeare's? What things are missing today that they did have back then. Is this good or bad? Remember to include examples with quotes and citations.
4. Discuss the element of Dreams or Dreaming in this play. Why are dreams important in this play? How do dreams change the course of people's lives? Remember to include examples with quotes and citations.

