
A Midsummer Night's Dream

Theme: Dreams

Answer the following questions to demonstrate your understanding of the content.

1. Which key theme of the play is mentioned in its title?

2. Explain what a theme is in a work of literature.

3. a) What does Hermia dream, before she wakes to find Lysander gone?

b) What do we call this sort of dream?

4. Explain the term 'dramatic irony'.

5. Why is it a form of dramatic irony when Hermia turns to Lysander for help?

6. Name three characters who feel puzzled and confused by their experiences in the forest.

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

7. The forest is a metaphor for the _____ .

8. Explain the term 'metaphor'.

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9. What does Theseus claim that imagination can do?

10. Complete the following questions after watching the programme.

a) Think of as many words for 'dream' as you can. (You could look up 'dream' in a thesaurus.)

b) Discuss your list of words with a partner. Do they all mean exactly the same thing?

c) Which elements of the play seem dream-like? Work with your partner to create a list or mind map.

