



A Midsummer Night's Dream

Theme: Dreams

Comprehension Questions

Answer the following questions to show 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 _____ .





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8. Explain the term 'metaphor'.

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.

