

Individual Midsummer Projects

1) CAST YOUR OWN MIDSUMMER MOVIE: Cast your own movie version of *Midsummer Night's Dream*. Select current (or past) movie/TV stars. Write up who you would cast in which role. Write why each actor would be a good choice for that role. Include all characters from the play and your favorite line that each major character says in the play.

2) TELL IT FROM ANOTHER PERSPECTIVE: Select any scene (or any number of scenes) and tell the story from the perspective of one of the characters. You can use dialogue, the character's thoughts, add actions, etc. Just think about how you would feel if something like this happened to you.

3) WRITE AN ADDITIONAL SCENE: Write a scene that doesn't take place. Use any language you like and enlighten your reader on the thoughts of those characters. Be reasonable. You must set it in context (for example, it must fit into the play in some way). Write it in traditional play format.

4) WEDDING PLANNER: Plan the wedding for the three couples. In the play, Theseus and Hippolyta, Demetrius and Helena, and Lysander and Hermia get married. For this project you will assume the role of a wedding planner as you help one of the couples plan their wedding. Your project should include all of the following elements:

- Chose an appropriate wedding song that will be played once they are married. Include the song lyrics and a one-paragraph explanation for why you chose this song and why it is appropriate.
- Create wedding vows for both characters to say during the ceremony.
- Chose an appropriate place and theme for the wedding.
- Include an image of the location and the decorations for the wedding.
- Include a one-paragraph justification for your chosen location and decorations.
- Select a wedding gift for ALL three couples and include an image/drawing and written justification for each of the wedding gifts.

5) MOVIE POSTER: On a piece of poster board, create an advertisement for *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. Include the following:

- o Title and author of the play
- o Appropriate, relevant illustrations to decorate the poster.
- o At least three important quotes from the play which represents one of the themes.
- o A symbol which represents some aspect of the play

6) COLLAGES: Complete two 8x10 collages that represent one of the couples. One should represent the male (Oberon, Theseus, Demetrius, Lysander) and one should represent the female (Helena, Hippolyta, Hermia, Titania).

- Each collage must cover the page and may include words.
- The collages should represent how the couple perceives themselves as individuals (how do they see themselves?). Be creative!

due Friday, April 26th

Group Midsummer Projects (2-4 people per group)

1) COSTUME CHALLENGE: Draw costumes for ONE character from each section of Midsummer characters (1 royalty, 1 fairyland, 1 rude mechanical.) These costumes must reflect the character and go together in some way to make the play seem consistent (time wise and style wise.) These must be colored and reflect a color scheme for the entire play and your vision of how the entire show would be costumed. Include a line that each character says that inspired you in some way for their costume.

2) SET DESIGN: Design the main set needs for this show, the duke's palace and the forest. How would those two sets look from the audience perspective? Would they share the space or would the palace turn into to forest? Illustrate (from the audience perspective) those two sets and show how they would look on the stage, the color scheme, and a possible list of materials needed to build the set.

3) NEWS BROADCAST: Write a script for a news broadcast reporting on the events in A Midsummer Night's Dream. Include a weather report, a missing person report, a fast-breaking news story, a human-interest story, a "strange but true" feature, etc. Use at least two anchors to present the broadcast. All group members must have a role in the performance. Record your broadcast and email it to Mrs. Marshall (MarshallL1@LeonSchools.net) or give it to her on a flash drive.

4) TALK SHOW: Imagine you are a popular talk-show host. Your producer tells you that next week you will have the characters of A Midsummer Night's Dream on your show. As you plan your show, consider such things as the show's title (ex: Runaway Athenian Kids), the audience, and your own angle on the story (Fairies and Sprites: can they be trusted?) Write a script and videotape it. Record your broadcast and email it to Mrs. Marshall (MarshallL1@LeonSchools.net) or give it to her on a flash drive.

5) AD CAMPAIGN: Produce a commercial and a print ad campaign for Oberon's magic flower, the "Love-in-idleness." Come up with a pitch, a slogan, and one unique way to market your target audience. Who would be the most likely to buy such a product? What would be the best ways to reach this audience? Record your commercial and email it to Mrs. Marshall (MarshallL1@LeonSchools.net) or give it to her on a flash drive.

6) COMIC BOOK: adapt the story of A Midsummer Night's Dream to comic book format. Include all 5 acts of the play and several key quotes from leading characters.

7) CHILDREN'S BOOK: adapt the story of A Midsummer Night's Dream so it is appropriate and engaging for children. Include all 5 acts of the play, illustrating the book with images, a cover, and dedication page.

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