



A Midsummer Night's Dream Driving Questions

Driving Questions	Initial Answer	Final Answer
What happens to the characters' perceptions of reality while they are in the forest?	Text evidence:	Text evidence:
Who is under the spell of the love potion? Who isn't? Why might this be significant?	Text evidence:	Text evidence:
What does the love potion symbolize? How does it link dreams and reality?	Text evidence:	Text evidence:
What "truths" are revealed about the characters while in the forest?	Text evidence:	Text evidence:

How does Shakespeare set up an opposition between the city and the forest, and how does this relate to the theme of reality and illusion in the play?	Text evidence:	Text evidence:
How does dreaming function as both a disruptive and unifying force in the play?	Text evidence:	Text evidence:
What are Theseus's views on love and rationality, and how are they similar or different from Hermia's?	Text evidence:	Text evidence:
How do Theseus's and Hermia's views together form a "complete" commentary on reality in the play?	Text evidence:	Text evidence:
Why do you think Shakespeare chooses dreams as a literary device?	Text evidence:	Text evidence: