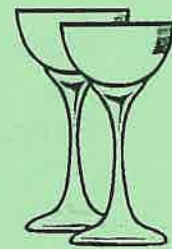




*A Midsummer Night's
Dream*



*Student Response Booklet
for
Act One, Scenes 1 and 2*

Name: _____

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Who Am I?

1. Match each character to its description by printing the letter on the line.

- a. Theseus ___ in love with Hermia
- b. Hippolyta ___ father of Hermia
- c. Egeus ___ in love with Lysander
- d. Hermia ___ Queen of the Amazons; bride-to-be
- e. Lysander ___ to be wed to Hermia
- f. Demetrius ___ Duke of Athens; groom-to-be

Similes

Similes compare things by using words *like* or *as*.

Examples: The grass was *as* soft *as* velvet.
The girl ran *like* a deer.

2. Complete the following phrases from lines 4 and 5 that show an example of a simile.

---*she lingers my desires,*

Like _____

3. Egeus was unhappy with Hermia's choice of suitors and blamed Lysander with *bewitching* his daughter.

List five ways that Lysander courted Hermia. Refer to lines 27-36.

a. _____

b. _____

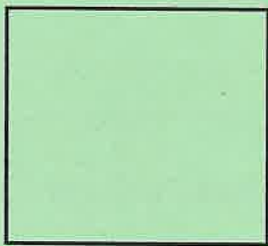
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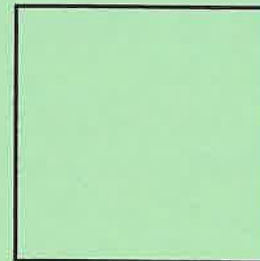
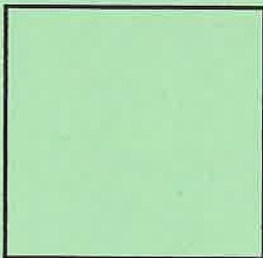
d. _____

e. _____

4. *Art Box*

Draw four objects that Lysander gave to Hermia as tokens of his love. Write the name of each item on the line.





5. Choose the quotation from the box that matches each of the following and write it on the correct line.

a. Theseus's authoritarian rule (has great power)

b. Egeus's power over Hermia.

c. Hermia's courageous response to her father.

d. Theseus's ultimatum (choice) to Hermia

I would my father look'd but with my eyes.

To death, or to a vow of single life.

*I beg the ancient privilege of Athens,
As she is mine, I may dispose of her.*

*... look you arm yourself
To fit your fancies to your father's will;
Or else the law of Athens yields you up---*



6. *Your Thoughts on Ancient Athenian Justice:*

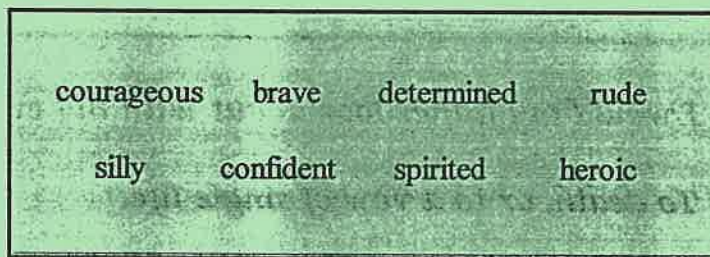
- a. Do you think Theseus's rule was severe when he gave Hermia a choice of marriage to Demetrius, single life or death?

I think _____

- b. What do you think of a law that allows a father, like Egeus, to say, "As she is mine, I may dispose of her."

I think _____

7. Hermia described herself as **bold** when she opposed her father's wishes. Circle the words, in the box, that could also describe Hermia.



8. The above correct words are called **Synonyms**. These are words that have similar meanings. Write three synonyms for the word *Love*.

♡ _____

♡ _____

♡ _____



9. *Soliloquy*

A soliloquy is a speech in a play through which a character tells his/her thoughts to the audience while he/she is alone on stage.

Read Helena's soliloquy (lines 226-251) carefully, then answer the following questions with **Agree** or **Disagree**.

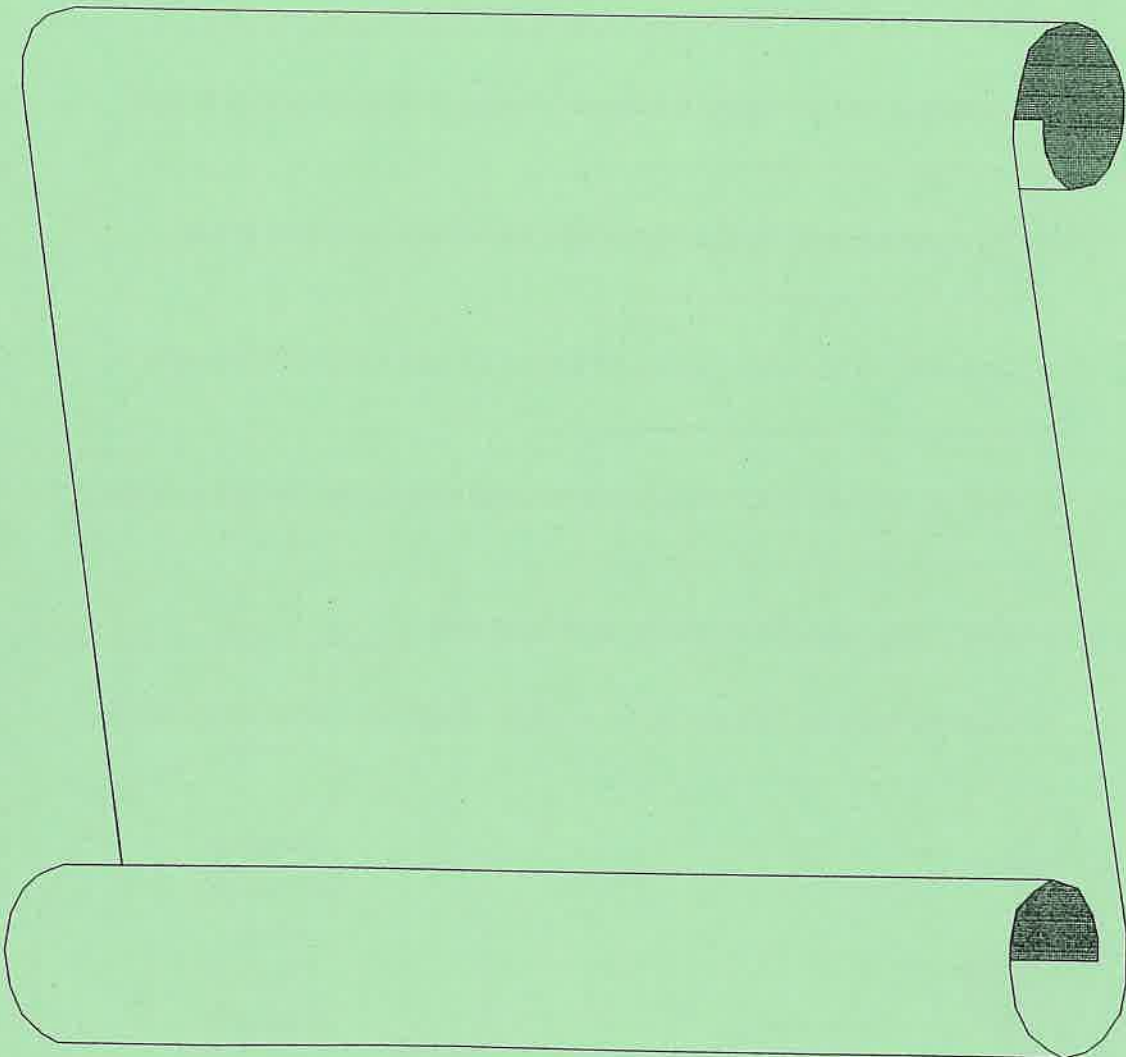
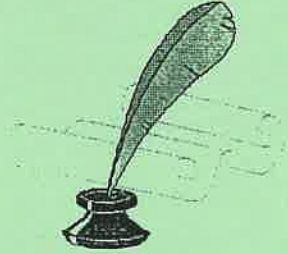
- a. Helena thought that love was based on a person's character as well as on a person's appearance. _____
- b. Helena felt that she was just as beautiful as Hermia. _____
- c. A **theme** is a main idea that runs through a speech or story. **Love** is one of the main themes in Helena's soliloquy. _____
- d. Demetrius had shown affection for Helena before he met Hermia.

- e. Helena wanted to tell Demetrius about Hermia's secret meeting with Lysander in the woods and their plan to run away and elope. _____
- e. Remaining friends with Hermia was important to Helena. _____
- e. Helena followed Demetrius into the forest to watch him meet Hermia.



10. The wedding of Theseus, Duke of Athens and Hippolyta, Queen of the Amazons was fast approaching. Invitations needed to be sent out and the citizens of Athens have been invited to take part in the wedding celebrations.

As the *royal printer*, you have been asked to design the wedding invitation. Decorate the scroll and print the appropriate message.





Amateur actors were preparing a play for the wedding festivities.

11. Choose the actor's name that matches his occupation and its meaning. Write the name on the line.

- a. a tinker, repairs kettle snouts or spouts _____
- b. a carpenter, whose name means a wedge-shaped piece of wood

- c. an instrument used to start up a fire by blowing on hot coals

- d. a carpenter, who joins pieces of wood to make them fit snugly

- e. a weaver, named after the object around which the thread is wound

- f. a tailor, one who was usually poor and thin _____
- g. a bellows-mender whose name comes from the Latin word *blow*



- Bottom
- Starveling
- Snug
- Quince
- Bellows
- Flute
- Snout

12. The play, *Pyramus and Thisbe*, is a comedy-tragedy about two young lovers who are finding it difficult meeting one another.

Name the lovers in *Midsummer Night's Dream* who are similar to Pyramus and Thisbe. _____

13. Bottom, the weaver, wanted to play all the parts in the play. He ordered around the casting director, Quince, as well as the other actors.

a. How would you describe his personality? Write four words that show:

..... how he thought of himself _____

..... his great energy _____

..... his love of life _____

..... mixes his words _____

Use your words, or those below, to help with the answers.

conceited

adventurous

bossy

opinionated

pushy

confused

