

A MIDSUMMER'S NIGHT DREAM

Act IV Worksheet

In this act, a number of characters wake up. Complete the diagram below. In each box, write the name of a character who wakes up in act 4. Then, in the space beside the box, summarize that character's reaction to what happened during the night.

CHARACTER

REACTION

TITANIA	DISGUSTED AND IN DISBELIEF FOR FALLING IN LOVE WITH BOTTOM

Questions

1. How does Titania respond when Oberon asks for the fairy child this time? What does this reveal about the strength of the love potion?

2. How do most of the dreamers respond to the dream experience upon waking? Which character is changed permanently by the dream experience?

3. How does Theseus's current decision regarding Hermia and Lysander contradict his earlier statement?

4. The fourth act opens and ends with Bottom at center stage. What is your opinion of Bottom's character? How might he be the antithesis, or opposite, of Theseus's character?

5. In this act, several characters look back at prior infatuations with disbelief. What do you think Shakespeare is saying about love and infatuation?
