

## A Midsummer Night's Dream, by William Shakespeare - UNIT OVERVIEW



### Essential Questions:

- Why should we care about Shakespeare????
- How do people read and understand Shakespearean language?

### Unit Goals:

You will be able to...

- Paraphrase text into modern English and summarize main ideas
- Analyze conflict, theme (what is the play telling us about love?), dramatic irony, and characterization)
- Identify differences between the text, filmed versions, and live performances and explain why the director made those choices

### Assessments:

- Paraphrasing/summarizing assessments
- Quick quizzes and paragraph literary assessments about conflict, theme, dramatic irony, and characterization
- Performance with written analysis
- Writing - length to be determined - Should we still read Shakespeare today?????

### Unit Schedule:

- Background information
- "Sonnet 18" - Practice with language
- Reading as a class and watching movie (Acts I-II)
- May 21 - Shakespeare Now comes to perform the play for grade 8
- Performance (Acts III-V)
- Writing piece