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# Dream interpretation

Look at the words in the title of the play separately and brainstorm what each word suggests to you.



**Midsummer**



**Night**



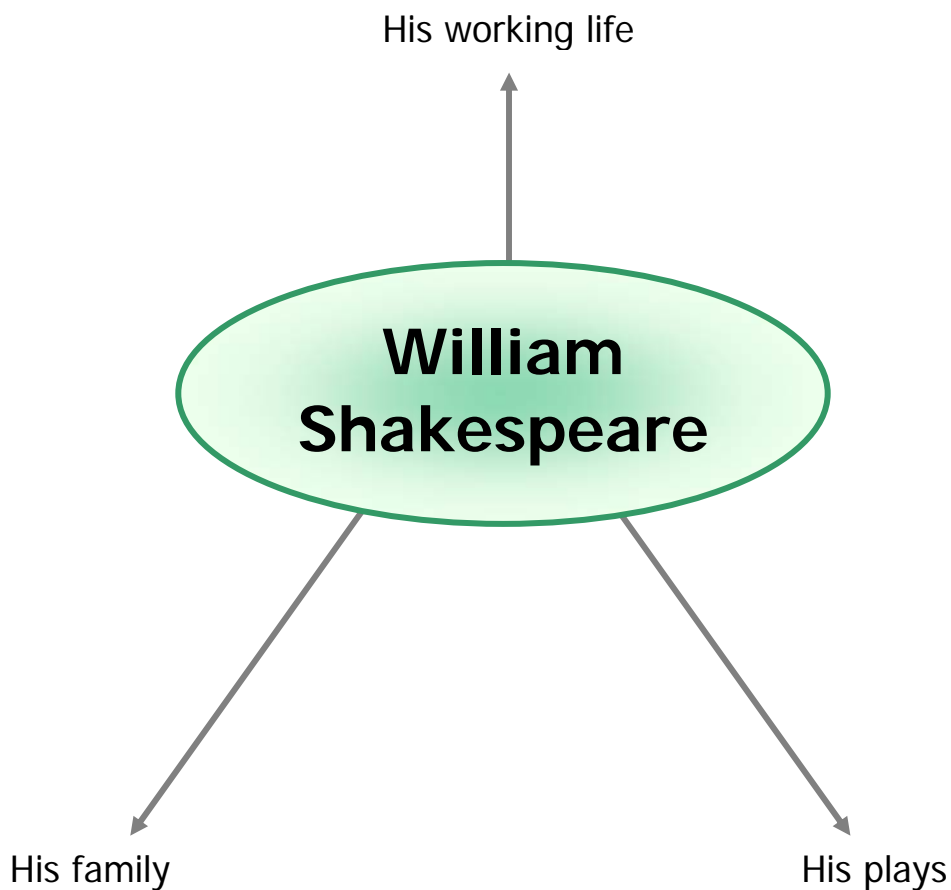
**Dream**

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# Will, what do you know?

The play was written by William Shakespeare. What do you already know about Shakespeare? Start a mind-map of facts on this page – add to it when you find out anything new.



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# Who is Shakespeare anyway?

Using library books and the internet find out the answers to the following questions. Then work in pairs to hot-seat Shakespeare.

1. When and where were you born?
2. What was the name of your wife and children?
3. How many plays did you write?
4. What is a sonnet and how many did you write?
5. What was The Globe theatre like? (When was it built? How many people could fit in it? Find a picture of the theatre to copy and label in your book.)
6. Who was on the throne when you were alive and what was England like?
7. When and where did you die?

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# A right mix-up

Can you unscramble the following anagrams? They are all important words in the play. (Hint: some of them are names of characters!)

1. e u E s g
2. m H r i e a
3. e e n a l H
4. L s n a d e r y
5. t u D m e e r i s
6. O n b e o r
7. i t a i n a T
8. k c P u
9. n A h e t s
10. c e o d y m
11. m a g r i a r e
12. r f i i e s a

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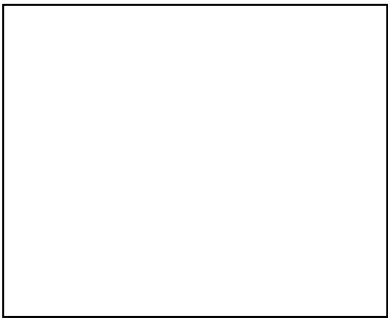
# Who am I?

Name the characters and draw a picture of them in the frame next to the label.



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A nobleman in Athens



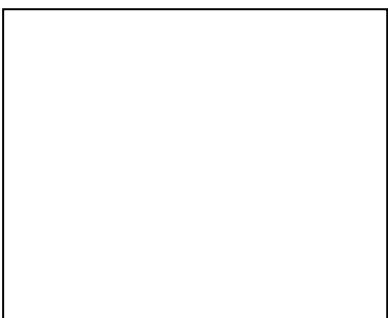
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Daughter of Egeus, in love with  
Lysander



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Hermia's friend, in love with  
Demetrius



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In love with Hermia but forbidden  
to marry her

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# Oh, woe is me!

Imagine you are Hermia. Fill in the gaps in the following letter to an agony aunt explaining your problems in love! When you finish you could write a reply from the agony aunt, offering advice to Hermia.

Dear Aunt Agony,

Please help! I have a really terrible problem. I am in love with a wonderful man called ..... but my dad won't let me marry him. He wants me to marry .....

I think Demetrius is .....  
.....

My dad told the Duke about it and the Duke said that .....  
.....  
.....

I feel .....  
.....  
.....

I think the law about fathers choosing husbands for their daughters is .....  
.....  
.....

Please help me,  
A very confused Hermia

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# Daily diaries

### Hermia's diary – part 1

Imagine you are Hermia. Write her diary for the evening just after Lysander tells her about their plan to escape. You should write about:

- what your father wants you to do and why you've been so unhappy
- Lysander's plan to run away and get married
- where you are going to meet and where you are going to marry
- who else knows about your plan
- how you feel about running away.

*Dear Diary,*

*My father wants ...*

*Lysander has come up with a brilliant plan to ...*

### Puck's diary

Imagine you are Puck. Write your diary for the day Oberon asks you to find the magic flower and play the trick on Titania. You should write about:

- why Oberon is angry with Titania
- how he plans to get revenge (by making her fall in love with a horrible animal)
- the name of the flower he has asked you to find
- your journey to find the flower
- how Oberon asked you to use the flower on a human called Demetrius and how you think you've done everything he asked you to do.

*Dear Diary,*

*Oberon is really mad with Titania at the moment because ...*

*He's going to get revenge though. He's going to ...*

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### Hermia's diary – part 2

Imagine you are Hermia after she wakes up and finds Lysander gone and then discovers him with Helena. You should write about:

- how you asked Lysander if you could rest and then woke up to find him gone
- how you went to find him in the forest and how you discovered him declaring his love for Helena
- how you feel about the man you love betraying you
- how you feel about your best friend stealing your boyfriend.

*Dear Diary,*

*I'm very upset! I woke up to find ...*

*He was ...*