**A Midsummer Night’s Dream Essay Assignment**

You will choose one of the following essay topic options below to write a three-paragraph essay - introduction, one body paragraph, and conclusion. You will incorporate your knowledge and understanding of Shakespeare’s *A Midsummer Night’s Dream* and your knowledge of PEEL paragraphs. Your final essay will be evaluated based on your content and quotes (evidence from the text), organization (flow of ideas), and mechanics (spelling, grammar, and MLA formatting).

Choose one (1) of the following essay topics. You will narrow down your chosen topic to create a thesis statement (argument) for your final essay:

* Discuss the various forms of love in *A Midsummer Night’s Dream*
* Discuss Shakespeare’s use of comedy in *A Midsummer Night’s Dream*
* Discuss the significance of the title of the play *A Midsummer Night’s Dream*

Over the next few weeks, we will be reviewing how to write a proper thesis statement, organize an introduction and concluding paragraph, review the PEEL method for construction a body paragraph, and properly integrate MLA-formatted quotes from the play.

**Your essay outline and first draft will be worth 10 marks.**

**Your final essay will be worth 20 marks.**

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| **Essay Outlines** | 10 marks |
| **Final Essay**   * Content – 10 marks * Strong hook to draw the reader in * Strong arguments made to support thesis statement * Concise and proper thesis statement * Appropriate quotes to support thesis * Organization – 5 marks * Ideas transition into the next * Introduction paragraph serves as a “road map” * Appropriate quotes work with arguments to help prove thesis * Mechanics – 5 marks * Proper spelling and grammar throughout essay; clearly proofread * Essay is properly MLA-formatted | 20 marks |