

Objective

By the end of this lesson, you will be able to understand and perform a scene from Pyramus and Thisbe, a play within Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream, in the style of Elizabethan drama.

Materials and Prep

- Copy of Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream
- Costumes or props for role-playing
- Space for movement and acting

No prior knowledge of Shakespeare or drama is required, just come with an open mind and enthusiasm!

Activities

- **Character Exploration:** Read and discuss the characters of Pyramus and Thisbe. Create character profiles and discuss their motivations.
- **Script Analysis:** Break down the script of Pyramus and Thisbe. Understand the language and the humor in the play.
- **Role-Playing:** Act out a scene from Pyramus and Thisbe with fellow students or family members. Experiment with different interpretations.
- **Costume Design:** Design costumes for the characters of Pyramus and Thisbe using household items or simple materials.

Talking Points

- **What is Elizabethan Drama?**
"Elizabethan drama refers to the plays written and performed during the reign of Queen Elizabeth I in England. It was a time of great creativity and innovation in theater."
- **Who were Pyramus and Thisbe?**
"Pyramus and Thisbe are characters from ancient mythology, whose tragic love story is reenacted by the Mechanicals in A Midsummer Night's Dream."
- **Why is Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream important?**
"A Midsummer Night's Dream is one of Shakespeare's most beloved comedies, known for its magical elements, mistaken identities, and humorous scenes."
- **How can we perform in the style of Elizabethan drama?**
"To perform in the style of Elizabethan drama, focus on clear delivery of lines, exaggerated gestures, and engaging with the audience."