

How does *A Midsummer Night's Dream* portray people in love?

Finish the statement, "Love is . . ." in ten different ways, either with a word or phrase.

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Choose TWO of the "Love is . . ." sentences you wrote. For each one, find specific evidence from the play that proves your sentence true. In one paragraph, write about how your statement applies to the play. Include a specific quote with the Act, scene and line numbers. Then explain how your statement applies to real life. Thus, you will write two paragraphs exploring how love is portrayed in the play.

Example:

Love is blind. This is demonstrated when Titania falls in love with Bottom who is a donkey. She is so in love with him that she is unable to see what he really is. An example of Titania's blindness is when she tells Bottom, "Thou art as wise as thou art beautiful" (3.1.150). Here this dramatic irony serves as a humorous depiction of the blindness of Titania's love; she actually believes that Bottom is beautiful, giving him numerous compliments. Similarly, love makes us blind even in real life because we do not always see the truth when we are in love. Sometimes a person might fall in love with someone with whom his or her friends do not approve. The person blindly gets involved in a relationship which others are able to see is destructive. However, because the person is in love, he or she cannot predict the consequences of the relationship.

Note: I gave four things: an example from the plot, a quotation, an explanation of the quotation and told how it applies to the real world.