Midsummer Night’s Dream

Essay question choices

You will write a 2-page MLA format essay from one of the following prompts. You will need a source page if you quote anything other than the play, but this page does not count in the 2-pages. Please note, this time we are using MLA, so there is no title page.

1. Discuss how Shakespeare blends material from different sources (i.e. classical Greek, medieval, other literary figures, and popular folklore) to create a play that his audiences will enjoy. Give specific examples.
2. Explain what Shakespeare is saying about love? Give examples.
3. Which male character in this play comes across as the strongest? The weakest? Which female character in this play comes across as the strongest? The weakest? Pick one of these questions and write a persuasive essay.
4. Compare and contrast one of the following pairs from the play:

 Helena and Hermia

 Titania and Hippolyta

 Theseus and Oberson

 Demetrius and Lysander

 Puck and Bottom

1. Which character in the play do you find to be the most interesting, most realistic, funnies, most moralistic? Cite evidence to support your opinion.