

AICE English General Paper AS: Summer Reading Assignment

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Assignment #1: Current Event Reports.

This summer, find and read three (3) recent news articles (dated within the last three months before August 15, 2025). Find one article to fit within each of the following three broad categories of study:

1. Economic, Historical, Moral, Political, and Social;
2. Science, including its history, philosophy, ethics, general principles and applications; environmental issues; technology and mathematics;
3. Literature, Language, the Arts, Crafts, and the Media.

For each article, answer the following questions.

1. Title of article;
2. Link of article;
3. Category that the article aligns with;
4. Speaker (Who is the speaker/writer? Give a brief description. Do research to find information);
5. Occasion (Describe the time and place of the article. What is the current situation that prompts or inspires the article?);
6. Audience (Who are the intended readers?);
7. Purpose (What is the purpose of the article? Why did the speaker write this piece?);
8. Summary (summarize the article in a few sentences).

Assignment #2: Midsummer Night's Dream

Please read *A Midsummer Night's Dream* by William Shakespeare and write a short summary (2-3 sentences) for **each act**. You can find the text online for free (a simple Google Search will do) or on Amazon. Here is a quick summary to assist with understanding the play:

“In *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, residents of Athens mix with fairies from a local forest, with comic results. In the city, Theseus, Duke of Athens, is to marry Hippolyta, queen of the Amazons. Bottom the weaver and his friends rehearse in the woods a play they hope to stage for the wedding celebrations.

Four young Athenians are in a romantic tangle. Lysander and Demetrius love Hermia; she loves Lysander and her friend Helena loves Demetrius. Hermia's father, Egeus, commands Hermia to marry Demetrius, and Theseus supports the father's right. All four young Athenians end up in the woods, where Robin Goodfellow, who serves the fairy king Oberon, puts flower juice on the eyes of Lysander, and then Demetrius, unintentionally causing both to love Helena. Oberon, who is quarreling with his wife, Titania, uses the flower juice on her eyes. She falls in love with Bottom, who now, thanks to Robin Goodfellow, wears an ass's head.

As the lovers sleep, Robin Goodfellow restores Lysander's love for Hermia, so that now each young woman is matched with the man she loves. Oberon disenchant's Titania and removes Bottom's ass's head. The two young couples join the royal couple in getting married, and Bottom rejoins his friends to perform the play.”

If you wish to watch a visual adaption of the play **while** reading it, you may. However, keep in mind that some adaptations and productions of the play rearrange or edit out certain parts from the play. Watching the play does not replace reading the play; you still have to read the play!