

The Literary Précis: Oberon & Helena

The Literary Précis is a concise way to analyze a passage in one well-written paragraph.

The Template:

First Sentence

In Act ____, Scene ____, Lines _____ of William's Shakespeare's *A Midsummer
Night's Dream*, _____ (character name)
_____ (statement of purpose / summary).

Second Sentence

Oberon/Helena develops this _____ (short restatement)
by _____ (overall statement about the character's argument, ideas, details, etc.).

Third Sentence

Insert a quote.

Fourth & Fifth Sentence

Analysis of the quote

Sixth Sentence

_____ (final restatement of purpose)
_____ (relation of the purpose to the play as a whole).