



The Hardest Part to Understand

Ashland-The Trip of Shakespeare By Laura Fichte

You might or might not understand Shakespeare when you first come to Odyssey, but your understanding will grow in every minute you spend on it. In the summer packet you get you will have packets of not too long Shakespeare plays that we will be seeing in Ashland. The one thing that you need to remember in Ashland for the night plays is do not fall asleep. If you fall asleep that might just be the worse thing that happens to you during the beginning of the year. When you fall asleep once teachers will then sit next to you for the rest of the plays, and believe me it's not fun.

Summer reading will really help understand what is going on in the play, then you just need to get the language down. The second week of school before we go to camp, then Ashland, you spend most of the day on Shakespeare. Steve, the head of the school and the writing teacher teaches Shakespeare. He will teach you most of the Shakespeare you need to get basic understanding. The hardest part while you are watching the plays is if you are sitting behind someone tall. While you stay in Ashland you will have some free time, some occupied by a scavenger hunt and some for lunch and free time. For the scavenger hunt you will be in pairs, probably boy-girl and will have a sheet of paper to find and get information on the questions.

After the candle-lighting ceremony where you find out who your sib family is, you will spend a lunch with them, getting to know them better. You usually have to bring \$20 to Ashland, and remember not to put that in your Camp bag, but Ashland. the money will go for some lunches when you are out in groups, but you get reimbursed for up to \$8. It will also be for different objects you may need to purchase during the scavenger hunt and maybe even some gifts if you have any money left. FYI: Ashland has the best fudge ever made with two fudge factories, both delicious with preference from different individuals. Over all, Ashland is about learning how to be "alone" and spend your money wisely, and learn Shakespeare.