

Dear Jenny,

I did the survey, but I also wanted to write and tell you what an incredible experience this was for my class. It was the first year I did the workshop with 8th graders, and I was so impressed. My kids are still talking about how much fun it was, but as I said in the survey, I was also amazed by their excellent test scores on *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. I think that's a really tough play for 8th graders, but after engaging with the play for a week, their scores averaged above 90%. What a great program this is!

Thanks,

Susan Van Doren  
Carson Valley Middle School

Hi Jennie, I filled out the survey. Thanks again for this wonderful workshop. All my students absolutely loved it, I could never get them interested in Shakespeare the same way as Joe and Michelle did. Acting parts of the plays out was a fun experience for kids and helped them understand the language better. I asked the students to fill out the survey, and I put some of the quotes in the online survey. Here is a copy for you:

"I asked students what was the most valuable thing they learned during the InterACT workshop and here is what some of them said: I learned how talented Shakespeare was; after the workshop I was able to understand his writing a little bit more; it became more interesting after I understood it and saw how it was acted out; I learned that Shakespeare's writing relates a lot to our time and our feelings; Shakespeare is easier to understand if you act it out; it was interesting and really fun, a good experience to understand Romeo and Juliet."

In fact one student said that the workshop was the best thing he has done in school all year :)

Well, I hope we can do it again next year!

See you soon.

Yuliya Ritchley  
Coleville High School