

Romeo & Juliet

Character List

Match each characters' name to their description.

Lord Montague	Juliet's cousin
Lord Capulet	Head of the Montague family (Romeo's father)
Romeo Montague	The son of Lord Montague
Juliet Capulet	Juliet's suitor who is in love with her
Benvolio	Head of the Capulet family (Juliet's father)
Tybalt	The daughter of Lord Capulet
Paris	Romeo's cousin
Mercutio	A friend to the Montagues

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Plot Sequencing

The Montagues and Capulets are warned that they will pay with their lives if the street fights continue.



Romeo sneaks into a masquerade party at the Capulet house and falls in love with a beautiful girl.

Romeo discovers that the girl is Juliet Capulet, the daughter of his rival family.

Romeo sneaks back to the Capulet household and spends the night talking to Juliet. They fall even more in love.

Romeo and Juliet marry at Friar Lawrence's church the next afternoon. Romeo later gets into a fight with Tybalt and is banished from Verona.

When Juliet's father arranges her marriage to Paris, Friar Lawrence gives her a potion that will make her seem dead.

Romeo learns of Juliet's death and returns to Verona. Unaware of her plan, Romeo drinks some poison and dies laying beside her.

When Juliet awakens, she sees Romeo lying dead beside her. She stabs herself with his dagger and falls dead beside him.

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Reading Comprehension Answer Sheet

Q1: What did the Capulet servants do to infuriate the Montague servants?	
Answer:	One of them showed their thumb.
Discussion:	Showing or biting one's thumb is a silent and immature way to insult someone and could be interpreted as an invitation to violence.
Q2: How did Romeo, Benvolio and Mercutio sneak into the Capulet party?	
Answer:	It was a masquerade ball so nobody knew who they were.
Q3: Why did Lord Capulet not want Tybalt to remove Romeo from the party?	
Answer:	Because it would cause a scene and they weren't causing a problem.
Q4: What does Juliet mean when she says: "My only love has sprung from my only hate!"?	
Answer:	She learns that Romeo is a Montague, and that the only person she has fallen in love with has come from the family of their enemies.
Q5: Romeo climbs back into the orchard after the party. What symbols does this setting convey?	
Answer:	Romeo has to climb over the wall to the orchard, which can be symbolic of his pursuit of Juliet. Juliet is higher up on her balcony which could symbolise she is out of reach for him. The orchard/garden symbolises the potential for their relationship to blossom, but also how quickly life can die.
Discussion:	If the orchard is surrounded by a fence, it means that the dreamer yearns for something unattainable.

Q6: What punishment did Romeo face for killing Tybalt?	
Answer:	He was banished to Mantua.
Q7: Why was Paris angry at Romeo for being in the Capulet vault?	
Answer:	He thought Romeo was coming to degrade Tybalt and Juliet's bodies.
Q8: What causes Juliet's death in the end?	
Answer:	Dagger
Q9: What do you think Rosaline's purpose is in the story?	
Discussion:	Romeo's lovesickness for Rosaline may contrast with his real love for Juliet. However, it could also show how quickly and deeply Romeo is capable of falling in love. Arguably, if Rosaline hadn't rejected Romeo's love he wouldn't have gone on to pursue Juliet and come to their fatal end.
Q10: Romeo and Juliet are referred to as 'star-crossed lovers'. What does this mean?	
Answer:	There are external forces working against their relationship that are out of their control.