

ROMEO & JULIET



ROMEO AND JULIET

PROLOGUE

Two households, both alike in dignity,
In fair Verona, where we lay our scene,
From ancient grudge break to new mutiny,
Where civil blood makes civil hands unclean.
From forth the fatal loins of these two foes
A pair of star-cross'd lovers take their life;
Whose misadventured piteous overthrows
Do with their death bury their parents' strife.
The fearful passage of their death-mark'd love,
And the continuance of their parents' rage,
Which, but their children's end, nought could
remove,
Is now the two hours' traffic of our stage;
The which if you with patient ears attend,
What here shall miss, our toil shall strive to mend.

**At do you notice about the prologue?
What sort of poem is it?
How do you know?**

Introduction Questions

1. How many families is this story about?
2. Which city do they live in?
3. What did the families think of one another?
4. What had been happening recently?
5. What happens to the pair of lovers who came into these families?
6. What effect does their death have on their parent's arguments?
7. How long will this story take to tell?
8. What will you need to understand this story?

ROMEO & JULIET

PROLOGUE

The prologue sets the scene for the play

Copy it out as it is written on the first slide, and for each set of lines try to work out what is being written by Shakespeare. -

Write a modern day explanation for each set of lines

Don't worry if you don't understand each word individually, just try to get an idea of what each section is saying.

When you have finished watch the video below of the prologue

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QiqSI3_rBLE

Romeo and Juliet – Prologue

- 1) Two households, both alike in dignity,
- 2) In fair Verona, where we lay our scene,
- 3) From ancient grudge break to new mutiny,
- 4) Where civil blood makes civil hands unclean.
- 5) From forth the fatal loins of these two foes
A pair of star-cross'd lovers take their life;
- 6) Whose misadventured piteous overthrows
Do with their death bury their parents' strife.
- 7) The fearful passage of their death-mark'd love,
And the continuance of their parents' rage,
Which, but their children's end, nought could
remove,
Is now the two hours' traffic of our stage;
- 8) The which if you with patient ears attend,
What here shall miss, our toil shall strive to mend.

ROMEO & JULIET



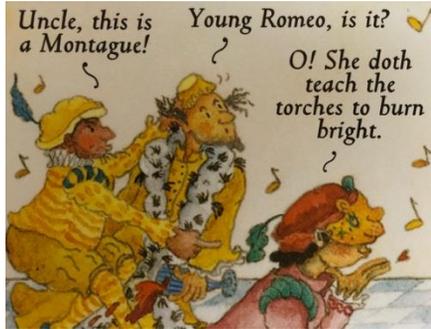
Watch the video and make some notes about the plot.

Describe the outline of the plot to an adult.

Romeo and Juliet – Part 1



Lord Capulet was planning a party. He lived in Verona and he was an important man. He wanted to make sure that nobody from the Montague family came to his party. They were his enemies. They had been arguing for years.



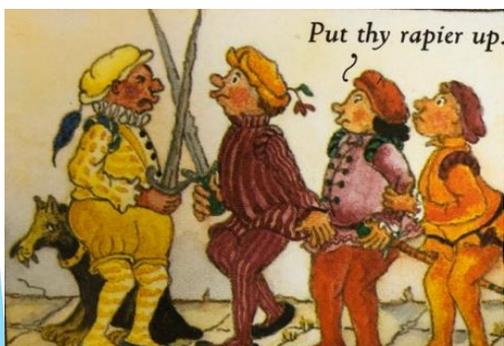
In fact, Romeo who was son of Lord Montague came to the party! He wore a disguise, but he was spotted by someone called Tybalt. Tybalt could not fight Romeo because Lord Capulet had banned fighting at the party.



Meanwhile Romeo saw and fell in love with Juliet. She was Lord Capulet's daughter. Romeo and Juliet agreed to get married even though their families were such enemies.



Romeo persuaded a man called Friar Laurence to lead their wedding. They had to keep their wedding a secret because their families were enemies.



On his way home from the wedding, Romeo met his two friends. They were arguing with Tybalt. Romeo tried to stop the argument. Since the wedding, he was now part of Tybalt's family too. But it was no use. Tybalt killed Mercutio who was Romeo's best friend. Romeo was so angry that he in turn killed Tybalt. Everything was ruined!

Romeo and Juliet - Part 1 - Questions

1. Who was planning a party at the start of the story?
2. Which two families had been arguing for years?
3. Which member of the Montagues did come to the party?
4. Who recognised Romeo when he was at the party?
5. Why wasn't Tybalt able to fight Romeo at the party?
6. What did Romeo and Juliet agree to do?
7. What was the name of the friar who agreed to marry Romeo and Juliet?
8. Who did Romeo meet on his way home from the wedding?
9. Who was killed by Tybalt?
10. Who did Tybalt kill?

Romeo and Juliet – Part 2



When the Prince of Verona heard the news about Tybalt and Mercutio's death he was angry. He decided to banish Romeo, to ban him from ever being in Verona. This meant that Romeo could not be with Juliet!

Romeo and Juliet hoped that perhaps Friar Laurence could explain and could get the Prince to forgive Romeo.

But that day, Juliet's father had news for her. He told her that she was to get married to a man named Paris. Juliet was distressed. She ran to Friar Laurence.



Friar Laurence planned for Juliet to wake up and for Romeo to rescue her. He wrote a letter to explain this to Romeo, but it got lost and so Romeo heard instead that Juliet was dead.

Friar Laurence gave Juliet some potion, which made her look like she was dead. Her family buried her in the family tomb.



Romeo went to Juliet's tomb. He met Paris, the man her family had meant her to marry, and Romeo killed him. He found Juliet's body. She looked like she was dead. Romeo drank poison and killed himself.



Then Juliet woke up and saw Romeo's body. He was actually dead. She took his knife and she killed herself.

When their families saw what had happened they were full of grief. They agreed not to argue ever again.

Romeo and Juliet – Part 2 – Questions

1. What did the Prince of Verona do when he heard of the deaths?
2. What did Romeo and Juliet hope would happen?
3. What did Juliet's father tell her was going to happen?
4. What effect did the potion that Juliet took have?
5. Where was Juliet carried to?
6. What wrong news did the messenger tell Romeo?
7. Who did Romeo meet and kill at the tomb?
8. What did Romeo do at the tomb?
9. What did Juliet do when she discovered?
10. What effect did this have on the two families?

Go, sirrah, trudge about
Through fair Verona; find
those persons out
Whose names are written there,
and to them say,
My house and welcome on
their pleasure stay.

I am sent to find those persons
Whose names are here writ...
I must to the learned.

Do you bite your
thumb at us, sir?

In the ancient Italian city of Verona, Lord Capulet was planning a party. He was sure no members of the Montague family would turn up, as the Capulets and Montagues had been feuding for years. The quarrel ran so deep that even their servants fought. But Lord Capulet was wrong.

Is love a tender thing? It is too rough,
Too rude, too boisterous; and it pricks like thorn.

Did my heart love
till now?

Romeo, Lord Montague's son, and Mercutio,
his friend, *did* come – in disguise. He was
infatuated with Lord Capulet's niece, Rosaline.

Romeo, however, instantly forgot Rosaline
when he saw Lord Capulet's sweet young
daughter Juliet. Her beauty stole his heart.

Uncle, this is
a Montague!
Young Romeo, is it?
O! She doth
teach the
torches to burn
bright.

'Tis a
shame.
He shall be endur'd.
A snowy dove
trooping with crows.

The only
son of your
great enemy.
My only love
sprung
from my
only
hate!

Unfortunately, Romeo was
recognized by Lord Capulet's
nephew, Tybalt.

But Lord Capulet forbade
fighting at his ball and
made Romeo welcome.

So Romeo wooed Juliet and
soon their love was mutual,
despite the feud.

Nuts
for sale!
Eat my
fine
nuts!

Will you



As the party ended, Juliet ran to her balcony to declare her love for Romeo to the stars.



Romeo risked death by climbing the Capulets' orchard wall to see Juliet.



That night, the loving pair agreed to wed in secret, lest their feuding families part them.



As dawn broke and Juliet's nurse finally got her to bed, Romeo raced to Friar Laurence.



The friar agreed to marry the sweethearts, hoping this would unite the families.



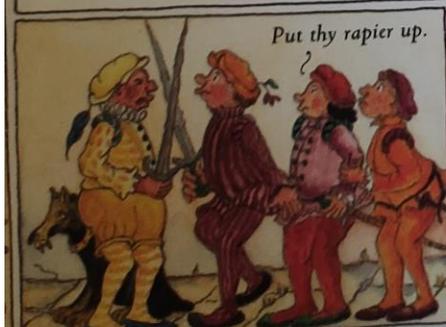
Later that morning, Juliet joined Romeo at the chapel, and the happy pair were wed.



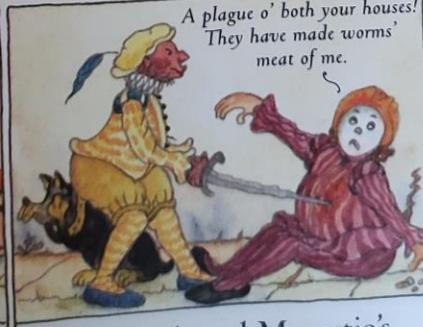
Then Romeo and Juliet parted, as they knew they must, until Friar Laurence had broken the news to their families.



On the way home, Romeo met his good friends Benvolio and Mercutio, being haranged by Tybalt for consorting with a Montague.



Romeo, now related to Tybalt by his marriage, tried to prevent a fight, but failed.



Tybalt and Mercutio's swords clashed and Mercutio fell dead.



Provoked by his friend's death, Romeo struck Tybalt a fatal blow.





The Prince of Verona was tired of the feuding families disturbing the peace, so when he heard of the deaths, he banished Romeo.



Unhappy Juliet! Her cousin killed by Romeo and Romeo exiled! What could Romeo do but go and beg her forgiveness – and say farewell?



Not until morning did the lovers part, hoping that soon Friar Laurence could secure a pardon for Romeo and pacify their families.



But Lord Capulet, thinking to comfort Juliet after Tybalt's death, told her faithful suitor, Paris, that they could marry on Thursday.



Horrified, Juliet rejected the plan, but dared not reveal her marriage to Romeo.



Juliet ran to Friar Laurence for help, and in desperation they agreed a devious plot.



Accordingly, Juliet went home and, to her father's joy, agreed to marry Paris.



Before the wedding, Juliet took a drug so as to appear dead for forty-two hours.



When Juliet's nurse tried to wake her, she seemed quite lifeless.



So, amid deep mourning, the wedding party became a funeral procession.





O lamentable day.
Alack the day.

Juliet was carried to the family burial vault, from where, according to the friar's plan, Romeo would rescue her.



Pardon me for bringing these ill news.
Is it even so?

But the friar's letter, telling Romeo of the scheme, went astray. A messenger told Romeo the false news of Juliet's sudden "death".



Ere, Romeo, mate, it's not true.



O, I am slain.
I'll bury thee in a triumphant grave.
I will go call the watch.

Romeo bought poison and went to the tomb. There he found Paris who, in his misery, attacked Romeo, who slew him in defence.



Romeo!
Alack, alack.

Then Romeo gave Juliet a kiss and drank the poison. Just too late, Friar Laurence arrived, now aware that his letter had not reached Romeo.



We are not happy.



What an unkind hour.

As the friar cried out in horror, Juliet awoke to see Romeo, lifeless beside her.



O happy dagger.
I dare no longer stay.

Hearing voices approach, the friar fled. But Juliet, unable to imagine life without Romeo, took up his dagger and, stabbing herself, fell dead upon her husband's body.



Poor sacrifices of our enmity.
For never was a story of more woe Than this of Juliet and her Romeo.

When the families of the Montagues and Capulets arrived upon this tragic scene, they were grief stricken at the consequences of their vendetta. Lord Capulet and Lord Montague vowed to raise a golden statue to each other's child. Thus they buried their feud, along with their precious children, Romeo and his sweet Juliet.

I thought this was romance. It's a bloody tragedy.



I bet they can't recall the cause of the feud.

Who let that dog in?

ty
up
you
ind