

Tragic Love: An Introduction to *Romeo and Juliet* Notes

Part I: *Romeo and Juliet*: Summary

A family feud

- The story takes place in _____, Italy, in the late _____s.
- The _____ and the _____, have been fighting for several years.
- The _____ throw a big party.
- _____ Montague wants to go to the party to see Rosaline, a girl he likes. Because of the feud, his family is not invited. He dresses in costume and sneaks in anyway.

Falling in love

- Romeo sees a girl, _____, and falls in love. Soon he finds out that she is a _____.
- Juliet sees _____ and falls in love with him, too. She has no idea that he is a member of the _____ family.
- Juliet learns that Romeo is a _____. She goes out on her balcony to talk to the stars about her love for _____.
- _____ hears her and tells her he feels the same.

A secret marriage

- The next day Romeo and Juliet are _____ secretly by Romeo's friend _____.

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A fight

- The same day that Romeo and Juliet are _____, Romeo's cousin Benvolio and his best friend, _____, get into a fight with Juliet's cousin Tybalt.
 - _____ is mad at Romeo for coming to the Capulets' party, so he starts a fight with Benvolio and Mercutio.
 - _____ shows up. He does not want to fight Tybalt because he is married to _____, but he cannot tell anyone.
 - Romeo's friends don't understand why Romeo won't fight so _____ fights Tybalt instead. _____ kills Mercutio.
 - Romeo is _____ and kills _____.
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A banishment

- The _____ of Verona tells Romeo that he must _____ the city forever and never come back.
- Juliet is very sad because _____ is gone.

A match-making father

- Juliet's _____, who doesn't know that Juliet is already married to Romeo, decides to marry her to a man named _____.

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A desperate plan

- Juliet goes to _____ for help.
- He gives her a potion to drink that will make her look _____, even though she really will just be sleeping.
- The Friar says he will tell _____ to come get her from the family _____.

Some deadly gossip

- Before the _____ can tell _____ that _____ is not really dead, Romeo gets a message from a friend that _____ is dead in Verona.
- Romeo wants to die beside his wife, so he buys _____ and goes to Juliet's tomb.
- At the door of the _____, Romeo fights and kills _____.

The deaths of Romeo and Juliet

- Inside the tomb, Romeo drinks the _____ and dies next to _____.
- One minute later, _____ wakes up and sees Romeo _____ next to her.
- Friar Lawrence comes into the _____ and tells Juliet what happened.
- Juliet takes Romeo's _____ and kills herself.

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A lesson learned:

- The Montagues and Capulets learn a lesson from the _____ of their children. They agree to never _____ again.

• ***Romeo and Juliet* Today**

- Why do we read *Romeo and Juliet* today?
- How does the story connect to the lives of teenagers today?

Part II: TRAGEDY

- *Romeo and Juliet* is a _____.
- Definition: a dramatic work that has a serious or _____ theme. It has a character that has many _____ or weaknesses. A tragedy usually ends with the _____ of the _____ characters.

• **Examples of Tragedy**

- Examples of tragedy in our everyday life:
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- **Thinking about Tragedy**

- What T.V. shows or movies show a tragedy?
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- How does real tragedy affect people's lives?

- **Tragic Love?**

- You just learned the definition of tragedy. *Romeo and Juliet* is considered a "tragic love story." How would you define "tragic love"?
- How does tragic love affect teenagers today?