

Description of Activity:

This activity gives students a better understanding of Shakespeare’s play Romeo and Juliet. The activity starts with a short PowerPoint presentation that starts with some pictures of the balcony scene. The children have to answer the questions. The next slide walks them through what is happening during the lesson, so the children have to understand that they have to pay attention. When reading the story, accompanying pictures should be shown on the board. After reading the story, the children should answer the questions connected to the statements. These questions (featured on the PowerPoint presentation) strengthen their understanding of the story. Afterwards there will be a group discussion. The children will then be divided into small groups and start with the acting activity. Using the storyline pictures provided by Elena Albiker, the children should put them in chronological order, after cutting them out. When finished, they should choose one of the pictures and practice acting out that scene. Those leading the activity then invite the students to share their scenes and the others should guess what scene they chose. The lesson ends when all groups have shown their scene to the rest of the students. This activity can be extended with shared feedback on content and communication.

Key Questions:

Introductory pictures:

* Do you know what play this is from?
* Do you know the playwright?
* What can you see?
* What is their relationship?
* Do you think this is from the olden days or nowadays?
* Define the meaning of tragedy and comedy and then ask if they think it is a tragedy or comedy

Group discussion:

* Feedback about the story
* Do you think it has a happy end? Why?
* Did you like the storyline? Why?
* What was your favorite scene/character? Why?
* What would you change about the story? Why?

Cross curricular links:

* English
* Literature
* Drama
* History

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Resources:

* PowerPoint presentation: “Romeo and Juliet CUSHA”
* Storyline illustrations
* Answer sheet

Aim: To get a better understanding of Romeo and Juliet

Activity sheet for peer teaching

Funded through

Age: 6-10

Previous knowledge needed/

Check knowledge on:

* Who Shakespeare was
* What a play is
* Minimal acting skills