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William Shakespeare

The Tragedy of
Romeo
and
Juliet



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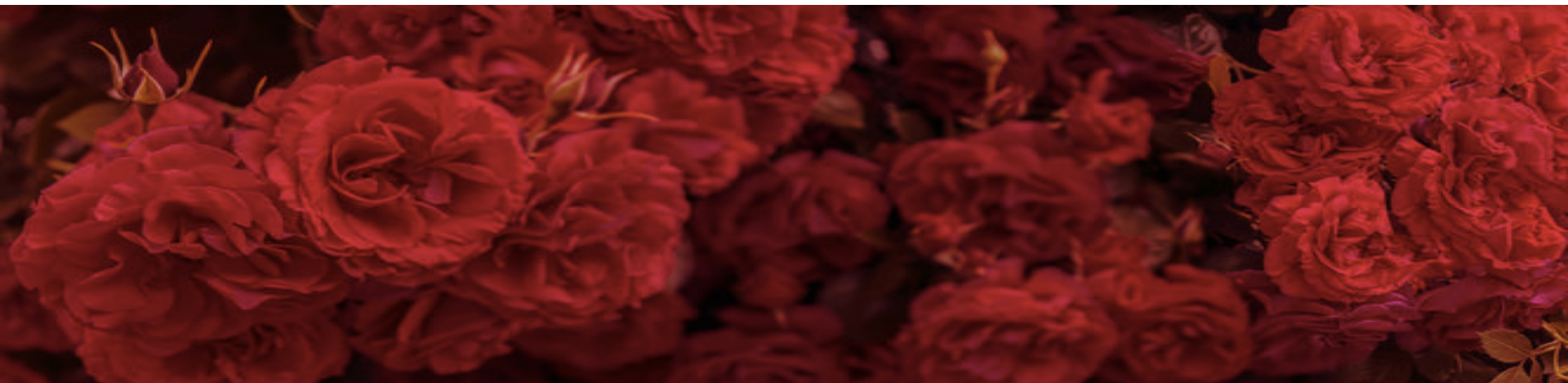
This lesson

- *1.Romeo and Juliet*
- *2.Questions*
- *3.Discussion*
- *4.Activity pairing*
- *5.Acting activity*



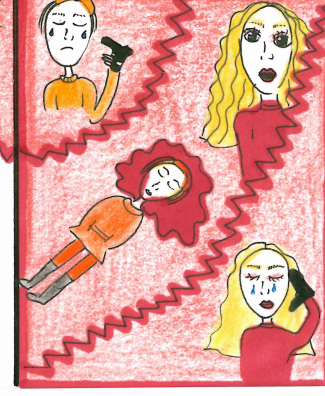
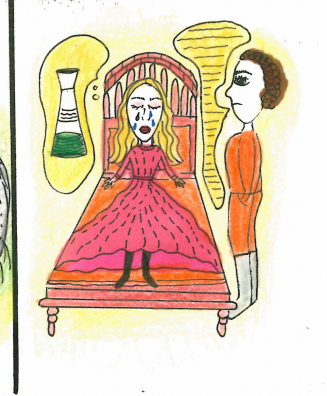
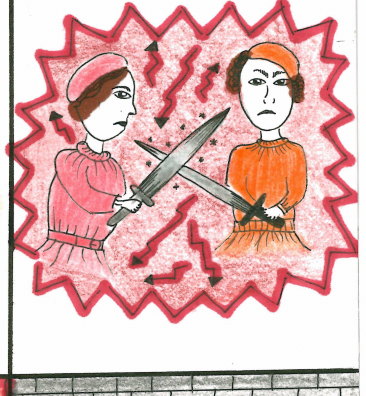
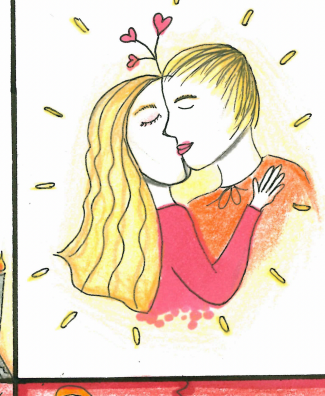
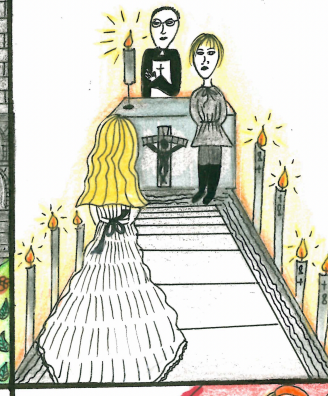
Statement questions:

- *Was the story set in Mexico or Italy?*
- *Were the two families friends or enemies?*
- *Did Romeo and Juliet survive or not?*
- *Did Romeo and Juliet meet at the park or at a ball?*
- *Did Romeo and Juliet get married or not?*



Summary

- *Romeo and Juliet* is a play written by William Shakespeare and takes place hundreds and hundreds years ago in a beautiful city called Verona in the north of Italy.
- There are two important families who live in Verona. The Capulets with their young daughter Juliet and the Montague with their son Romeo. Those two families absolutely hate each other, they are constantly fighting and are each other's greatest enemies. But one day there is a masquerade ball, Romeo decides to crash this Capulet dance to get with another girl called Rosaline but meets someone else instead. Romeo meets Juliet the daughter of his biggest enemy; The Capulets. But because they are both wearing a mask, they don't recognize who they are dealing with.
- During the evening and while they are dancing and talking, they deeply fall in love with each other. Later they find out about their true identity but it's already too late. Even though they know that their families hate each other, Romeo and Juliet can't deny the fact, that they are already madly in love with each other. Their love is so deep and strong, that they even arrange a secret wedding. But Romeo's and Juliet's happiness lasts just until a brutal fight; Juliet's cousin, Tybalt, kills Romeo's best friend, Mercutio. This makes Romeo really, really mad, and he kills Tybalt. After this incident, Romeo is banished from Verona. Meanwhile Juliet is extremely sad about the fact, that her cousin is dead, and that Romeo was banished. To cheer her up, Juliet's father (not knowing that she is already married) forces her to marry a wealthy man called Paris. To escape from this upcoming wedding with a man she does not love, Juliet drinks a sleeping potion and falls into a deep sleep, purposely tricking everyone into thinking that she is dead. As Romeo finds Juliet sleeping he is convinced that she is already dead and decides to kill himself as he could not imagine a life without his beloved wife. Juliet then wakes up to find Romeo's dead body. A life without her Romeo seems unbearable so she decides to end her life too. After this tragedy both families decide to stop the hatred.





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